STEEL BALL RUN
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#40
A SILENT WAY
PART ①

The town of Kinsley is located in the dead center of the North American continent, 1561 miles from both the East and West coast.

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STEEL BALL RUN RACE
AND DOT HAN FROM MONGOLIA IS TRAILING BEHIND! HE JUST ENTERED KANSAS CITY!

AND GRACEFULLY...
GOAAAAL!
AND HERE HE COMES! GYRO ZEPPEI, COASTING TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE...
FOLLOWING HIM IS JOHNNY JOESTAR!
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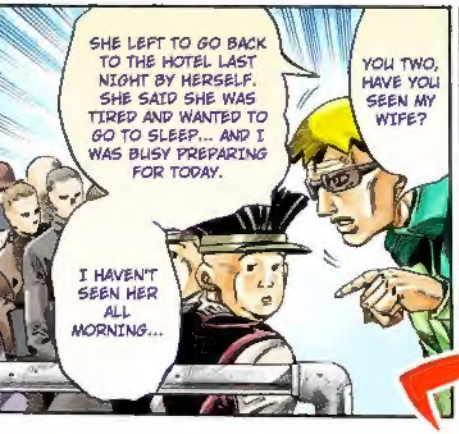
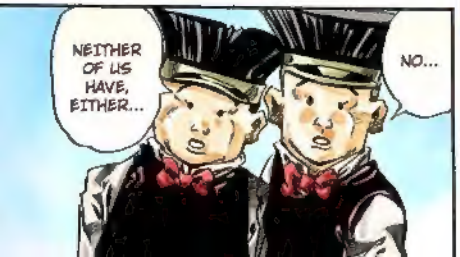
...THAT MEANS THE REMAINING NUMBER OF RACERS LEFT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ABOUT 400... A MERE FOURTH OF THE STARTING NUMBER!
AT THE START OF THIS STAGE, THERE WERE 1918 RACERS... BUT NOW, MORE THAN 1450 OF THEM ARE DECLARING THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE!
DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED STORM THAT HIT LAST NIGHT!
THIS 4TH STAGE, SPANNING A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 1250 KM... THERE'S BEEN QUITE AN UPSET...


SHE LEFT TO GO BACK TO THE HOTEL LAST NIGHT BY HERSELF. SHE SAID SHE WAS TIRED AND WANTED TO GO TO SLEEP... AND I WAS BUSY PREPARING FOR TODAY.
YOU TWO, HAVE YOU SEEN MY WIFE?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER ALL MORNING...


NEITHER OF US HAVE, EITHER...
NO...

WHAT NUMBER DID I FINISH AS?
JOHNNY, WHAT PLACE DID WE FINISH IN?
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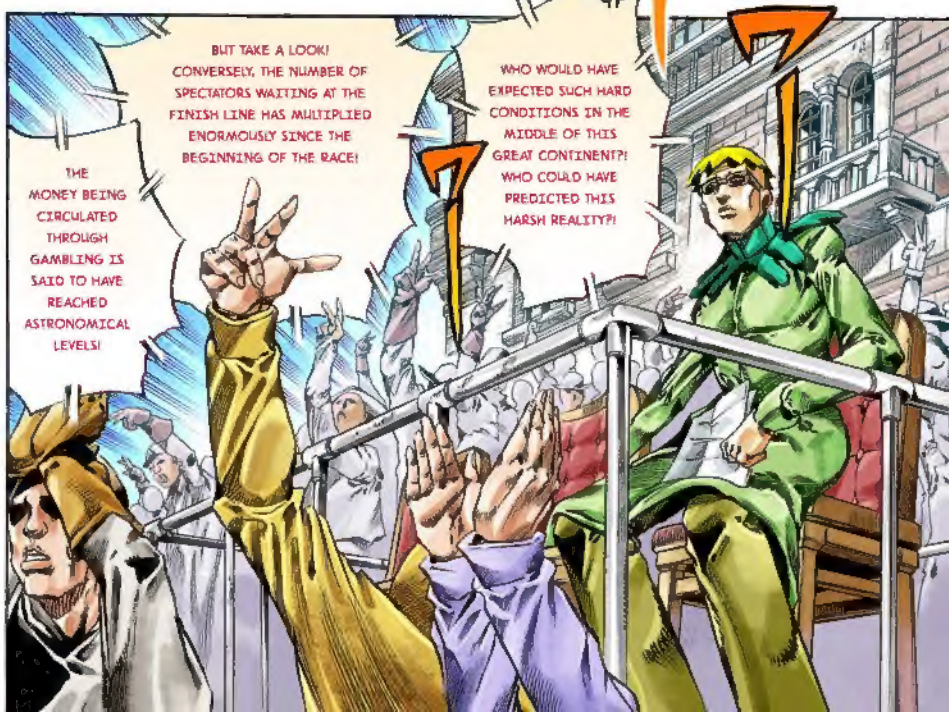
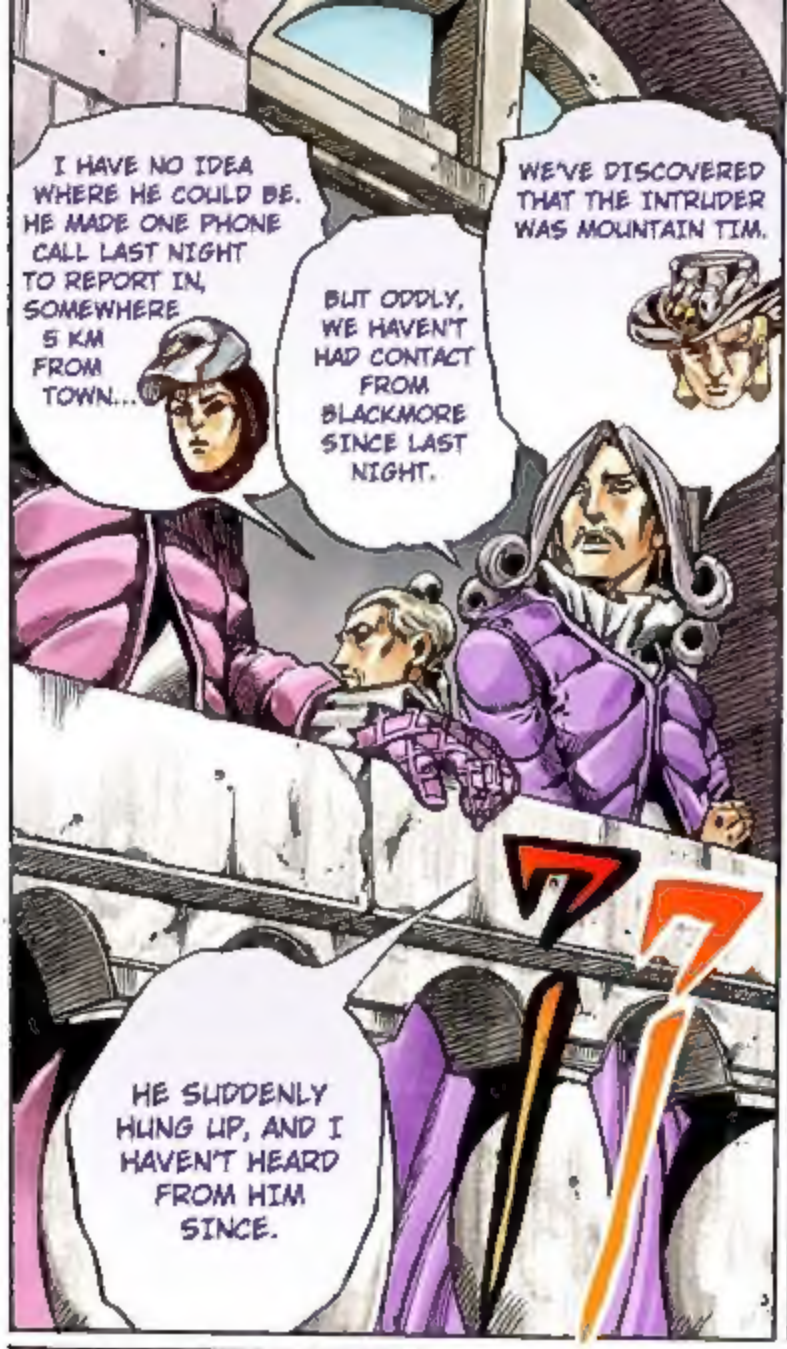

THE MONEY BEING CIRCULATED THROUGH GAMBLING IS SAID TO HAVE REACHED ASTRONOMICAL LEVELS!
BUT TAKE A LOOK! CONVERSELY, THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS WAITING AT THE FINISH LINE HAS MULTIPLIED ENORMOUSLY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE RACE!
WHO WOULD HAVE EXPECTED SUCH HARD CONDITIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS GREAT CONTINENT?! WHO COULD HAVE PREDICTED THIS HARSH REALITY?!


I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE COULD BE. HE MADE ONE PHONE CALL LAST NIGHT TO REPORT IN, SOMEWHERE 5 KM FROM TOWN...
WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT THE INTRUDER WAS MOUNTAIN TIM.
BUT ODDLY, WE HAVEN'T HAD CONTACT FROM BLACKMORE SINCE LAST NIGHT.
HE SUDDENLY HUNG UP, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

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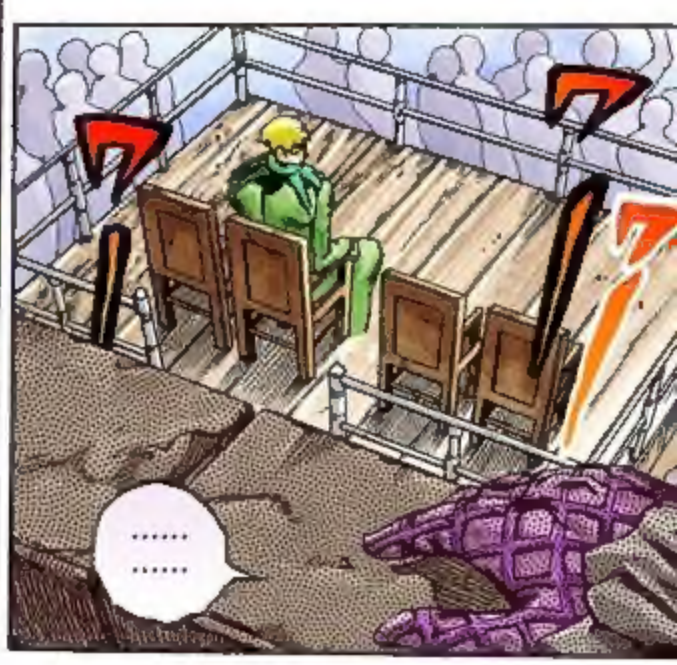
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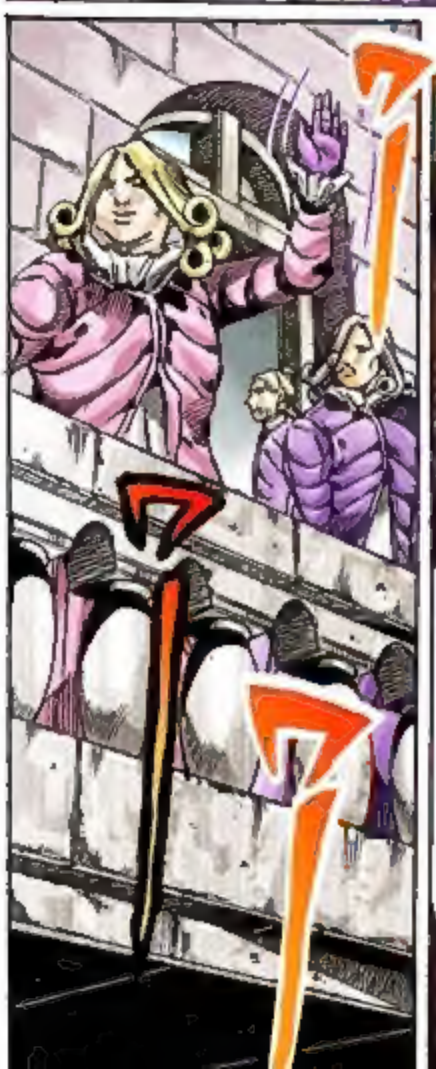
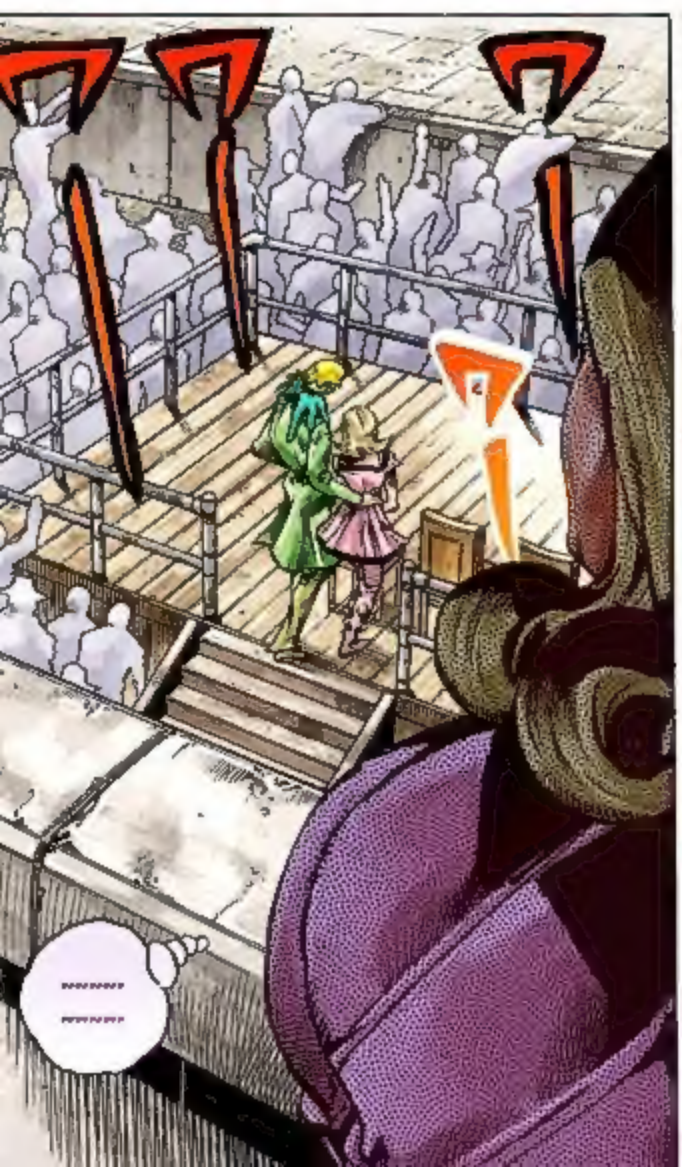


MOUNTAIN TIM IS IRRELEVANT!
THE ONE...
...WHO WAS 'IN THE PIGEON CAGE' ON THE ROOF. HE'S THE TROUBLESOME ONE...
THERE'S 'SOMEONE ELSE'...

THE 'CORPSE PARTS'... EVENTUALLY, THEY'LL ALL BE OURS...
BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THIS..! 'TRAITORS' WILL NOT BE CONDONED! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!
A THORN IN OUR SIDE WILL BE A FUTURE HINDRANCE TO OUR STRENGTH! WE MUST FIND THE CULPRIT, AND WE MUST KILL HIM!
COULD HE BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS CROWD, WATCHING ME?!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4TH. STAGE PLACEMENT RESULTS

Total Distance: 1250km
Estimated Race Time: 21 days
Participating Racers: 1918
Retirees: 1477

(Start Location) Rocky Mountains
"Cannon City" ⟶ "Kansas City"
(Finish Location)

	Name	4th Stage Running Time	Acquired Points	Total Points	Time Bonus	Current Place
1	Norisuke Higashikata	21d 7h 10m 13s	100P	138P		5
2	Pocoloco	21d 8h 3m 41s	50P	133P	——	6
3	Gyro Zepeli	21d 8h 33m 51s	40P	111P	——	7
4	Johnny Joestar	1/8 of a horse	35P	165P	——	4
5	Dot Han	8 horses	30P	71P	——	8
6	Sandman	8 horses	25P	190P	1	1
7	Hot Pants	5 horses	20P	175P	1	3
8	Sloop John B.	8 horses	15P	29P	——	10
9	Lotters Club	3 1/2 horses	13P			
10	Zenyatta Mondatta	1 horse	12P			
11	Caravan Sarai	7 horses	11P			
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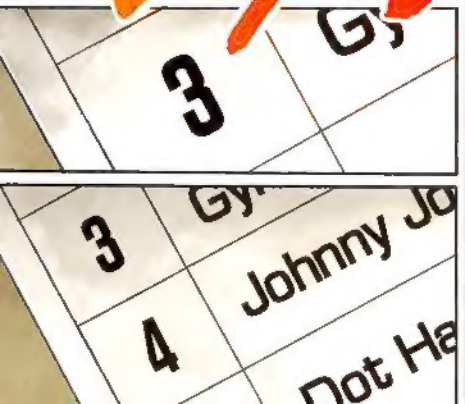
	Current Placement	Total Points
1	Diego Brando	190P
1	Sandman	190P
3	Hot Pants	175P
4	Johnny Joestar	165P
5	Norisuke Higashikata	138P

AND NOW...
THE RESULTS OF THE 4TH STAGE RACE ARE IN! PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCOREBOARD!



IT'S LIKE I'M REPEATING MYSELF, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WON...
WE TOOK A DETOUR TO THE NORTH, AND WE EVEN WENT THROUGH THAT STORM...
WE COULDN'T HAVE HOPED FOR A BETTER PLACEMENT IN THIS RACE.
4th STAGE
I THOUGHT SO...
AGAIN...
I COULDN'T WIN, AGAIN...
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HE'S JAPANESE.
JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE POLITE, BUT THAT SOMEHOW MAKES ME MORE WARY OF HIM.
HE'S OVER THERE... THAT MAN.
'HIGASHIKATA'? WASN'T ANYONE IMPRESSIVE IN THE FIRST COUPLE OF RACES.
WHO IS IT?
SHIT... THE GUY WHO PLACED FIRST...

THE WEAPON ON HIS BACK ISN'T WHAT THEY NORMALLY USE.
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S A SAMURAI, EITHER.

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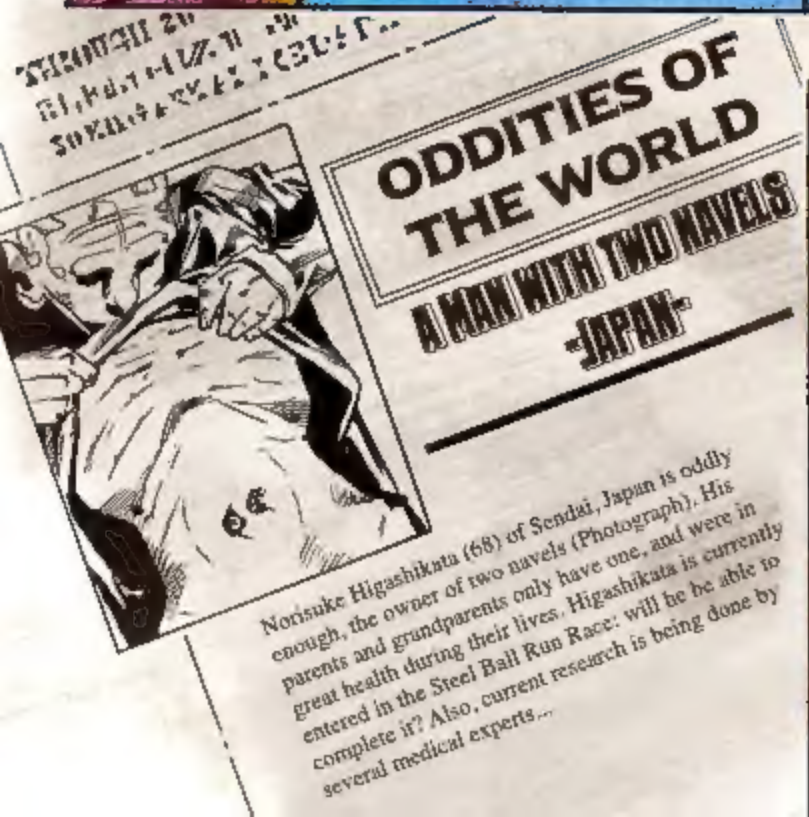
PLEASE, GO AHEAD.
...MM.
HM? OH REALLY?
REALLY? YOU'RE FINE WITH THAT? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.

THE FINISHING PLACEMENT HAS NO BEARING ON WHO GETS TO DRINK FIRST, AFTER ALL... OH, BY THE WAY, I WAS FIRST.
I GUESS YOU CAN DRINK FIRST, BEFORE ME...
OH... EXCUSE ME.
...BUT THAT REALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHO GETS TO DRINK FIRST.
WHAT NUMBER WERE YOU?

ALSO, DO YOU FOLLOW THE PAPERS?
THANK YOU...
YOUNG ONE.
DO YOU WANT TO READ SOMETHING?
HOW ABOUT IT?


ODDITIES OF THE WORLD
A MAN WITH TWO NAVELS
-JAPAN-
Norisuke Higashikata (68) of Sendai, Japan is oddly enough, the owner of two navels (Photograph). His parents and grandparents only have one, and were in great health during their lives. Higashikata is currently entered in the Steel Ball Run Race: will he be able to complete it? Also, current research is being done by several medical experts...

READ THIS, RIGHT HERE.
HERE.
THE PART I CIRCLED IN RED.

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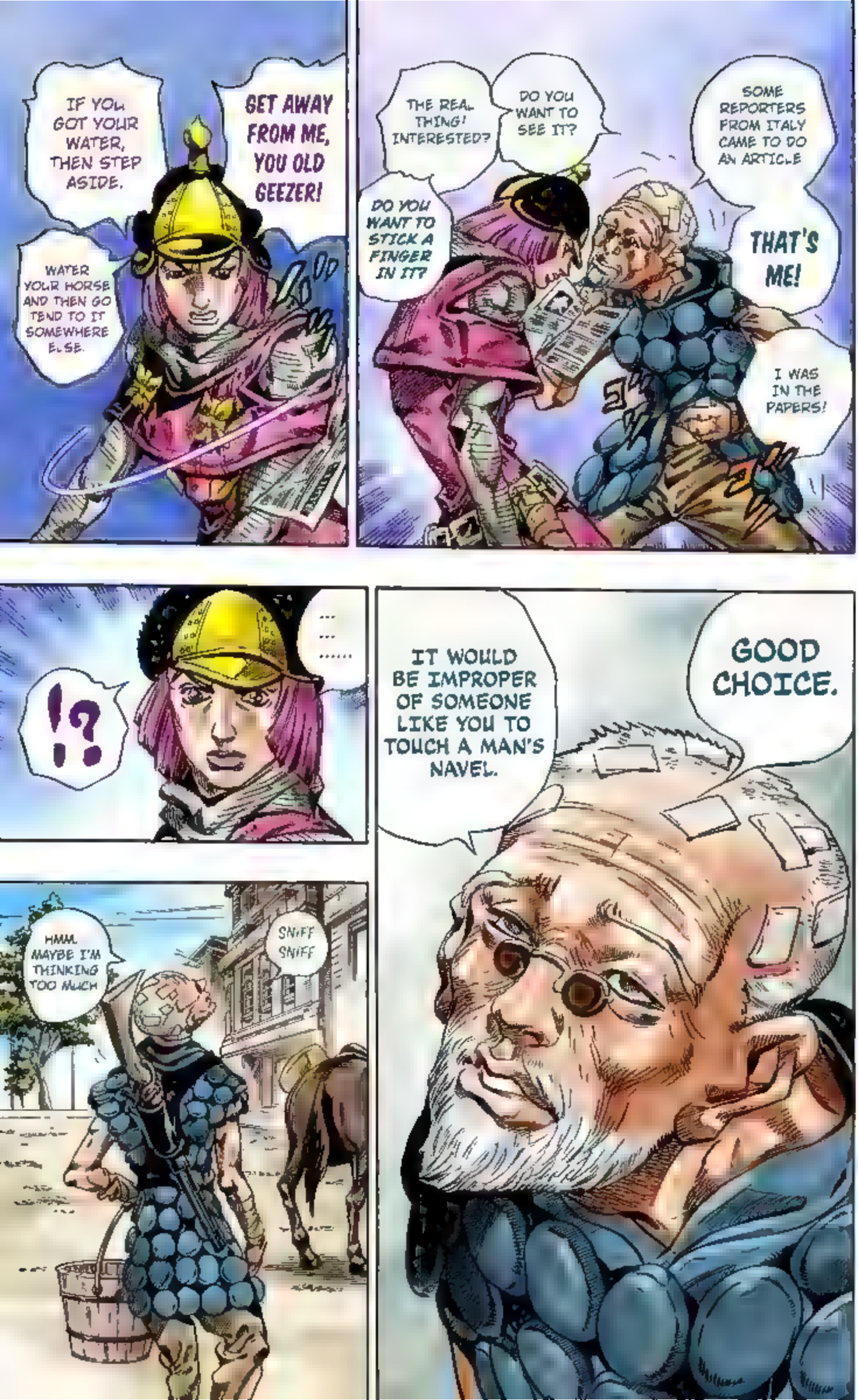
IF YOU GOT YOUR WATER, THEN STEP ASIDE.
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU OLD GEEZER!
WATER YOUR HORSE AND THEN GO TEND TO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.
THE REAL THING! INTERESTED?
DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
SOME REPORTERS FROM ITALY CAME TO DO AN ARTICLE
DO YOU WANT TO STICK A FINGER IN IT?
THAT'S ME!
I WAS IN THE PAPERS!
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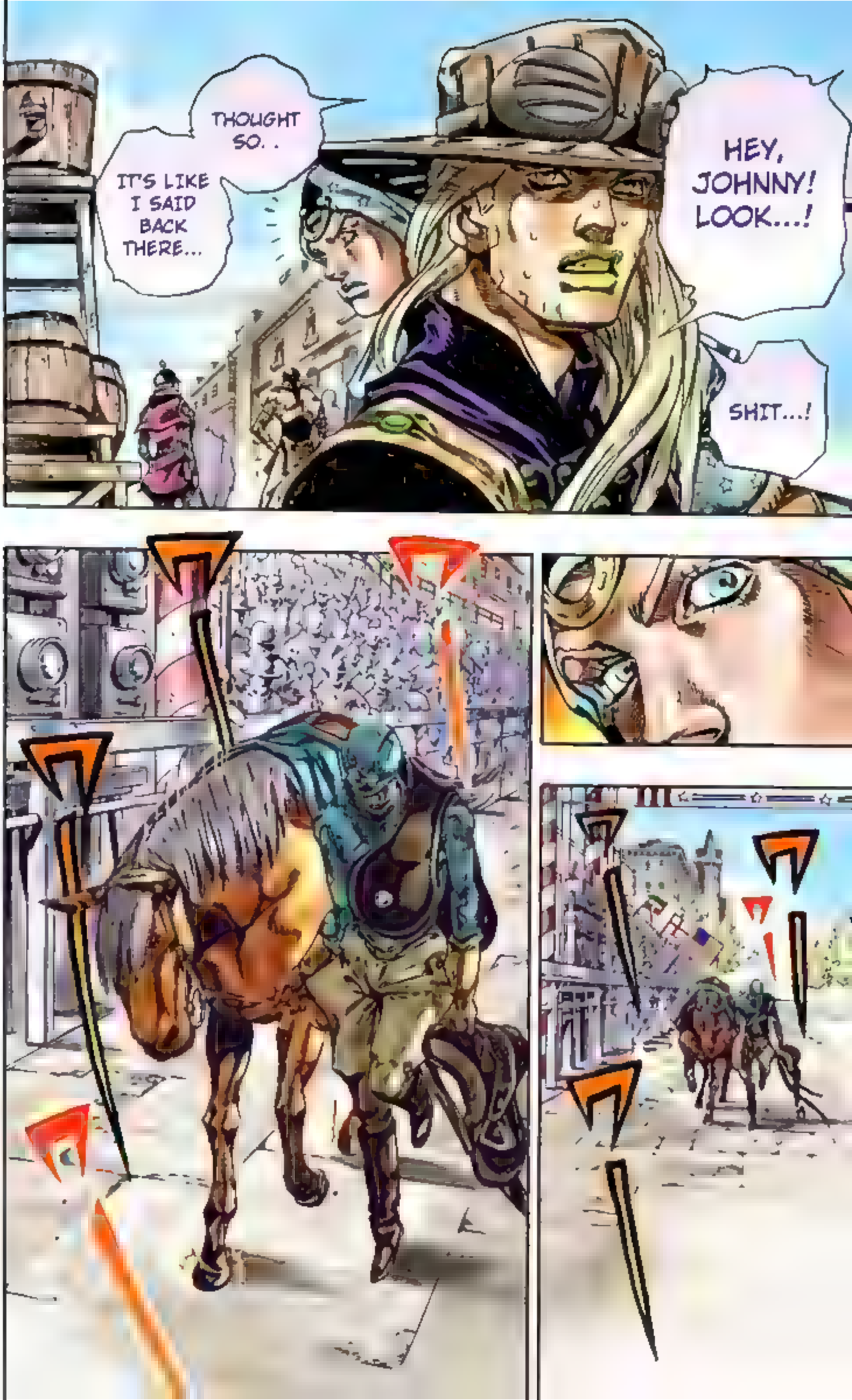
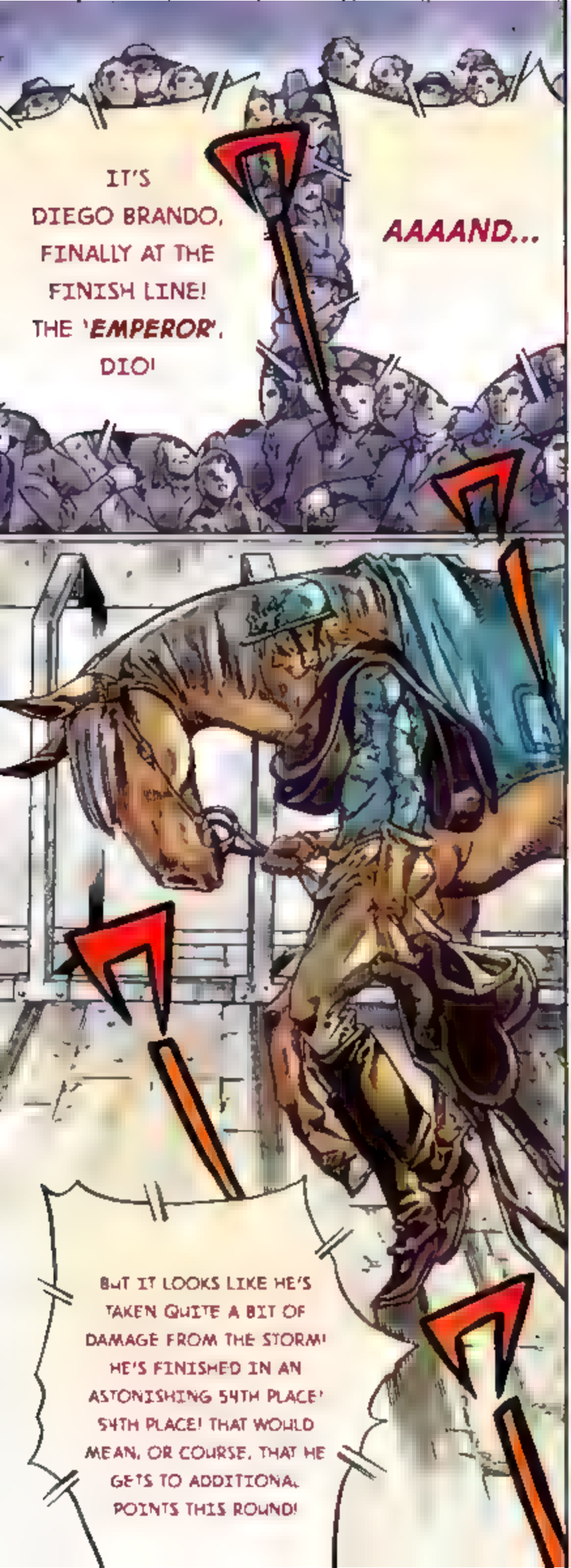
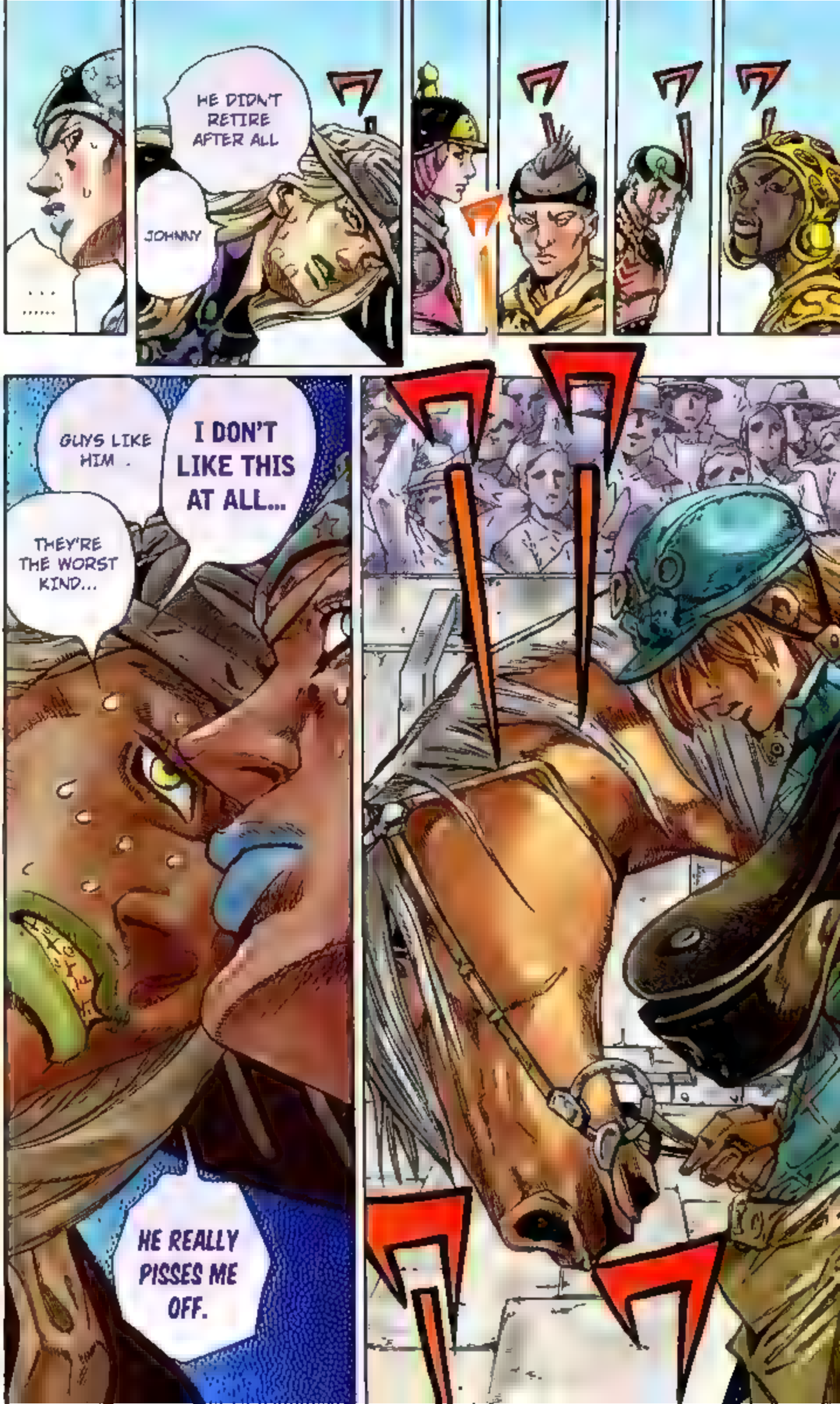
GOOD CHOICE.
IT WOULD BE IMPROPER OF SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO TOUCH A MAN'S NAVEL.
HMM. MAYBE I'M THINKING TOO MUCH
SNIFF SNIFF


THOUGHT SO. .
IT'S LIKE I SAID BACK THERE...
HEY, JOHNNY! LOOK...!
SHIT...!


IT'S DIEGO BRANDO, FINALLY AT THE FINISH LINE! THE 'EMPEROR', DIO!
AAAAND...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S TAKEN QUITE A BIT OF DAMAGE FROM THE STORM! HE'S FINISHED IN AN ASTONISHING 54TH PLACE! 54TH PLACE! THAT WOULD MEAN, OF COURSE, THAT HE GETS TO ADDITIONAL POINTS THIS ROUND!


HE DIDN'T RETIRE AFTER ALL
JOHNNY
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GUYS LIKE HIM .
I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL...
THEY'RE THE WORST KIND...
HE REALLY PISSES ME OFF.

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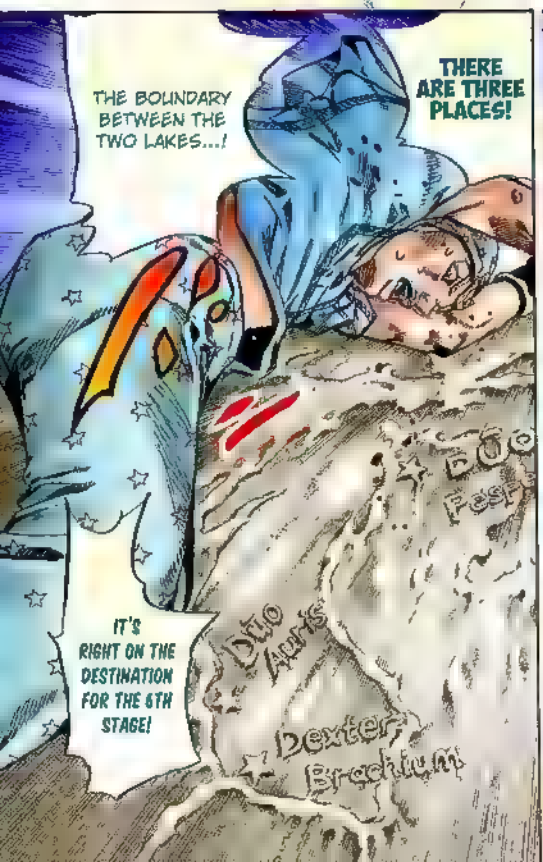
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY BACK?!
GYRO! WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

LOOKS LIKE THIS 'PART' CHOSE YOU
LOOK... IT'S SOME SORT OF MAP...!
THE IRON IN THE SAND IS BEING DRAWN TOWARDS YOU, MAKING PATTERNS ON THE GROUND!
THERE ARE WORDS TOO.
AND... I KNOW WHAT THESE LOOK LIKE! 'LAKES'... THE GREAT LAKES! THIS ONE IS LAKE MICHIGAN!
OLD RUINS
FALLEN BRIDGE

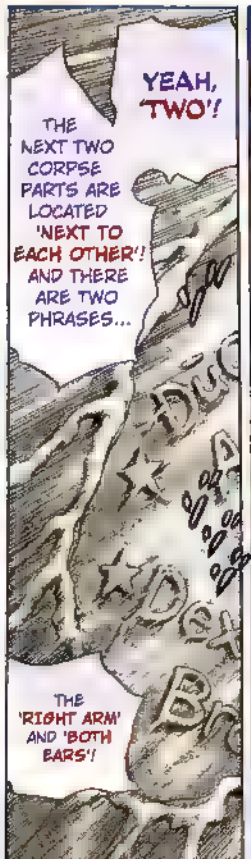
5th.&6th. STAGE

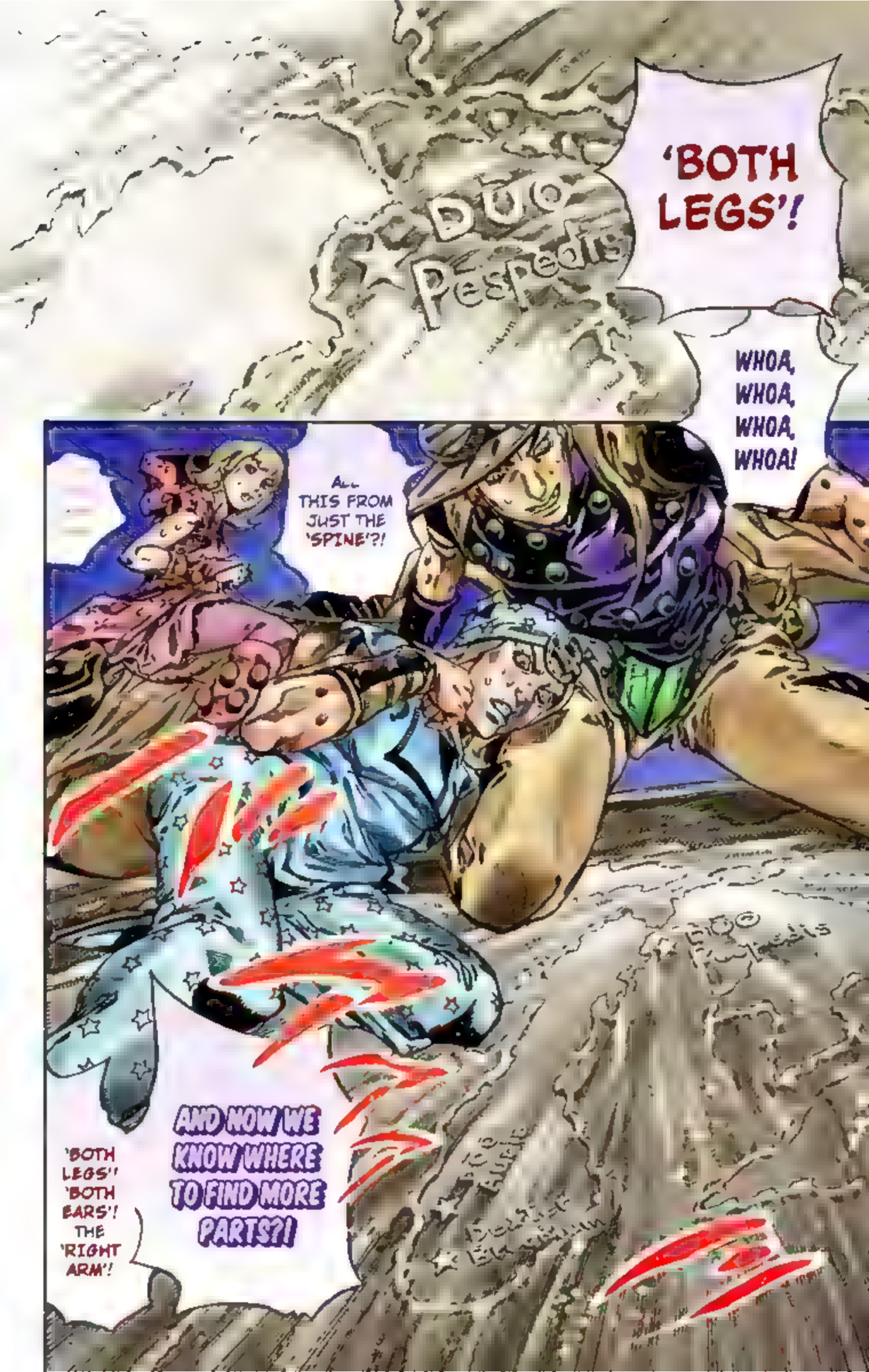
『ILLINOIS SKYLINE MICHIGAN LAKELINE』

5th Stage: Kansas City ⟶ Chicago, Lake Michigan
(Distance: Approximately 780km)
(Estimated race time: Approximately 41 days)
(Number of participants: 441)
5th Stage: Chicago, Lake Michigan ⟶ Mackinaw City, Lake Huron
(Distance: Approximately 690km)
(Estimated race time: Approximately 12 days)


THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO LAKES...!
THERE ARE THREE PLACES!
IT'S RIGHT ON THE DESTINATION FOR THE 6TH STAGE!
Dexter Brachium

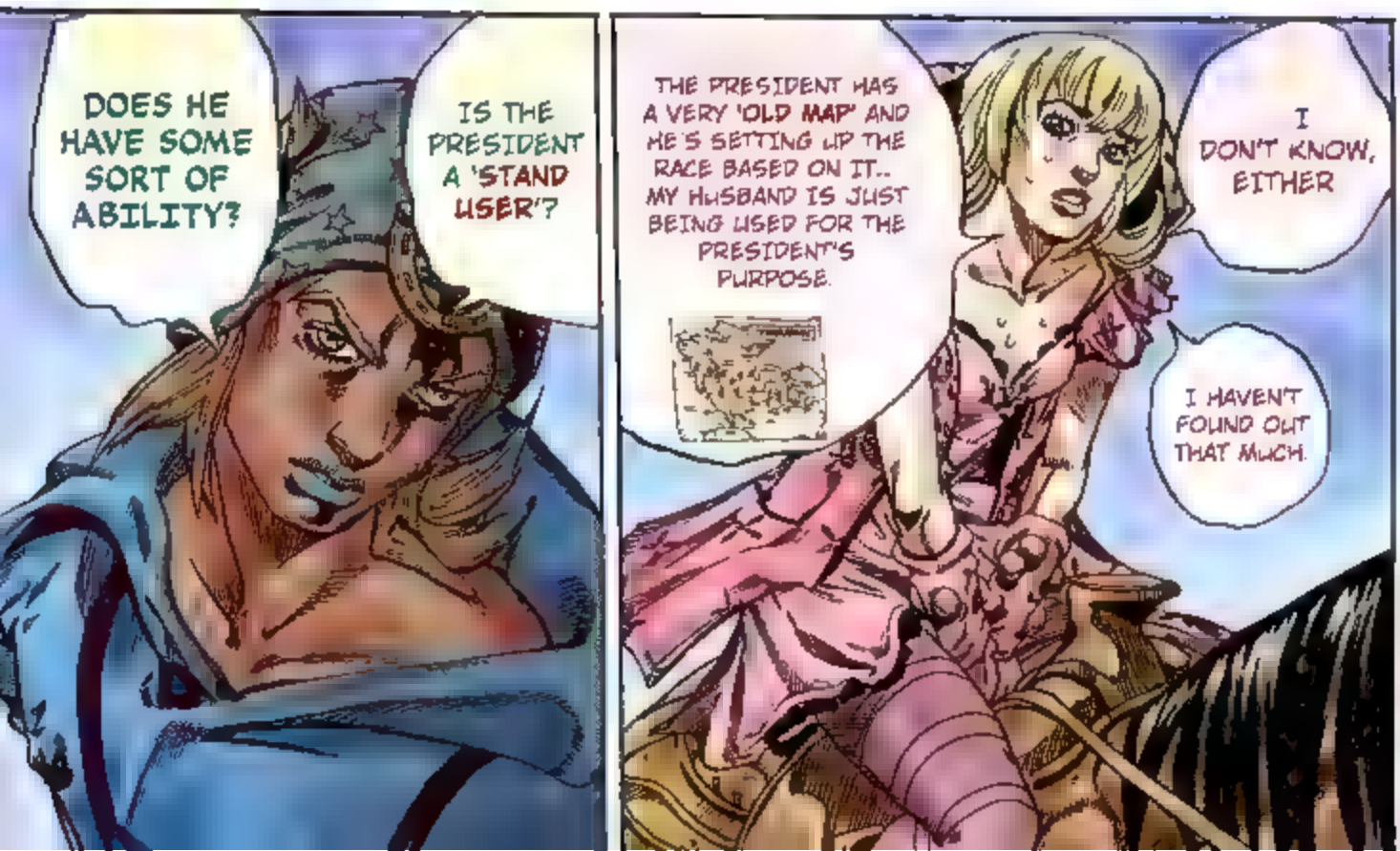
IF THIS REALLY IS THE NEXT MAP IF IT REALLY SHOWS THE NEXT LOCATIONS
THAT'S THAT'S NOT ALL, GYRO! LOOK MORE CAREFULLY
LOOK DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH MY BODY

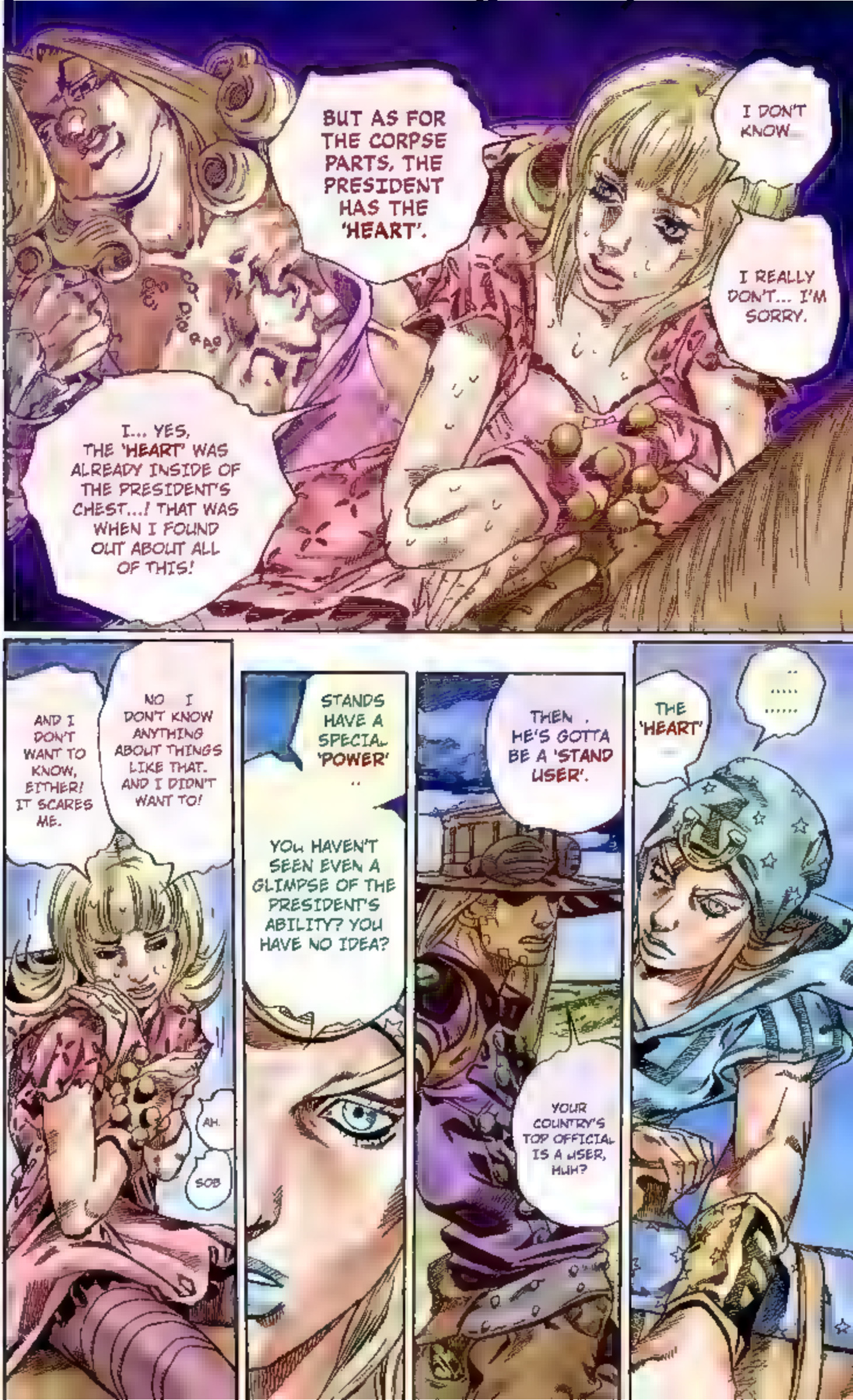



DUO PESPEDIS
'BOTH LEGS'!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
ALL THIS FROM JUST THE 'SPINE'?!
AND NOW WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND MORE PARTS?!
'BOTH LEGS'! 'BOTH EARS'! THE 'RIGHT ARM'!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING NEAR THE PRESIDENT?
THERE ARE A FEW THINGS WE WANT TO ASK YOU, TOO.
WE WANT SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION.
I I JUST SAW THE 'CORPSE PART' MOVE AND GO INSIDE YOUR BACK...
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT IS IT ? THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FOR IT TOO

DO YOU KNOW 'WHOSE' CORPSE THE PRESIDENT IS COLLECTING?
BASICALLY, DO YOU KNOW?


DOES HE HAVE SOME SORT OF ABILITY?
IS THE PRESIDENT A 'STAND USER'?
THE PRESIDENT HAS A VERY 'OLD MAP' AND HE'S SETTING UP THE RACE BASED ON IT.. MY HUSBAND IS JUST BEING USED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PURPOSE.
I DON'T KNOW, EITHER
I HAVEN'T FOUND OUT THAT MUCH.


I DON'T KNOW...
I REALLY DON'T... I'M SORRY.
BUT AS FOR THE CORPSE PARTS, THE PRESIDENT HAS THE 'HEART'.
I... YES, THE 'HEART' WAS ALREADY INSIDE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHEST...! THAT WAS WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT ALL OF THIS!
NO I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I DIDN'T WANT TO!
AND I DON'T WANT TO KNOW, EITHER! IT SCARES ME.
AH.
SOB
STANDS HAVE A SPECIAL 'POWER'
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN EVEN A GLIMPSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY? YOU HAVE NO IDEA?
THEN . HE'S GOTTA BE A 'STAND USER'.
YOUR COUNTRY'S TOP OFFICIAL IS A USER, HUH?
THE 'HEART'
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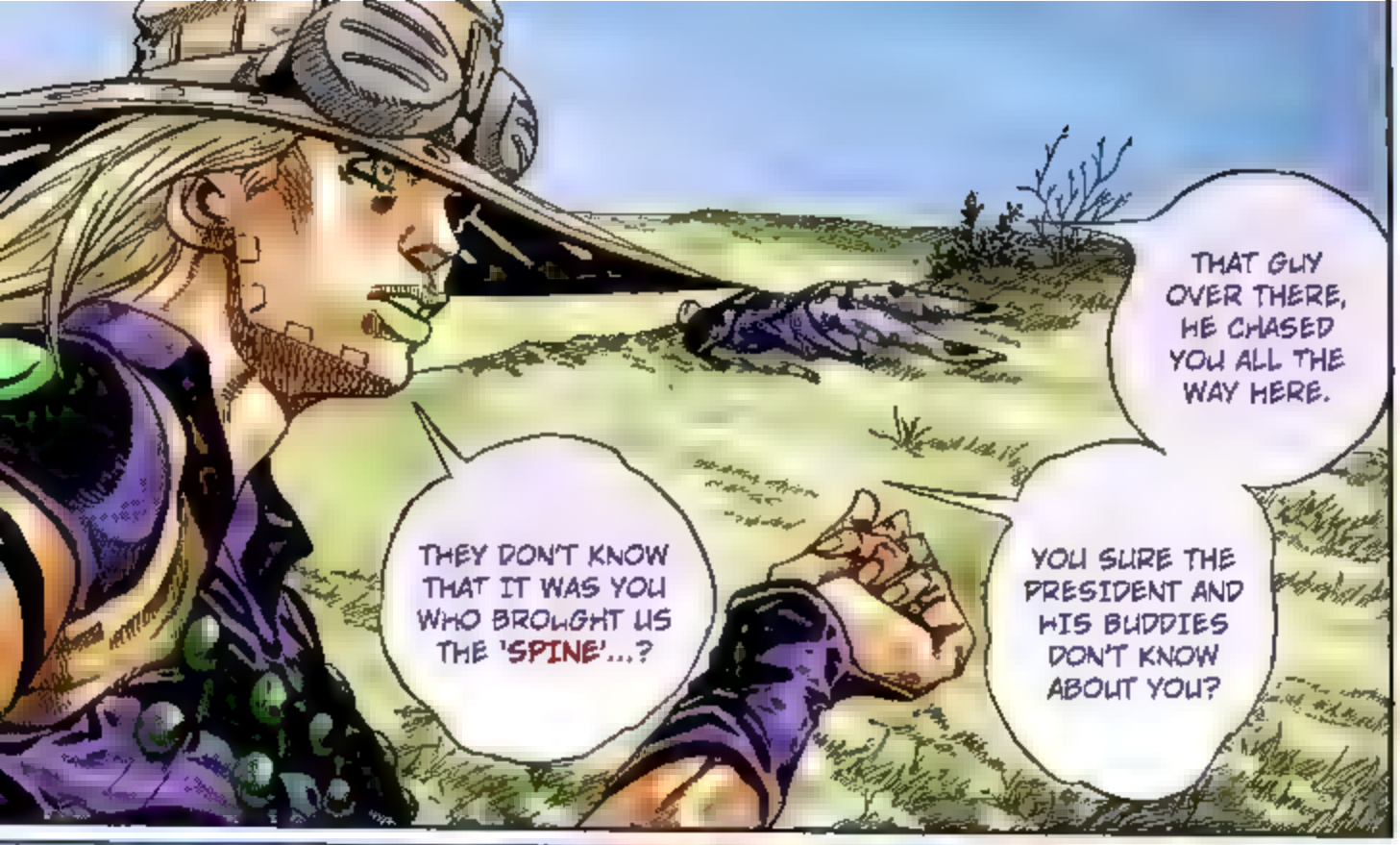
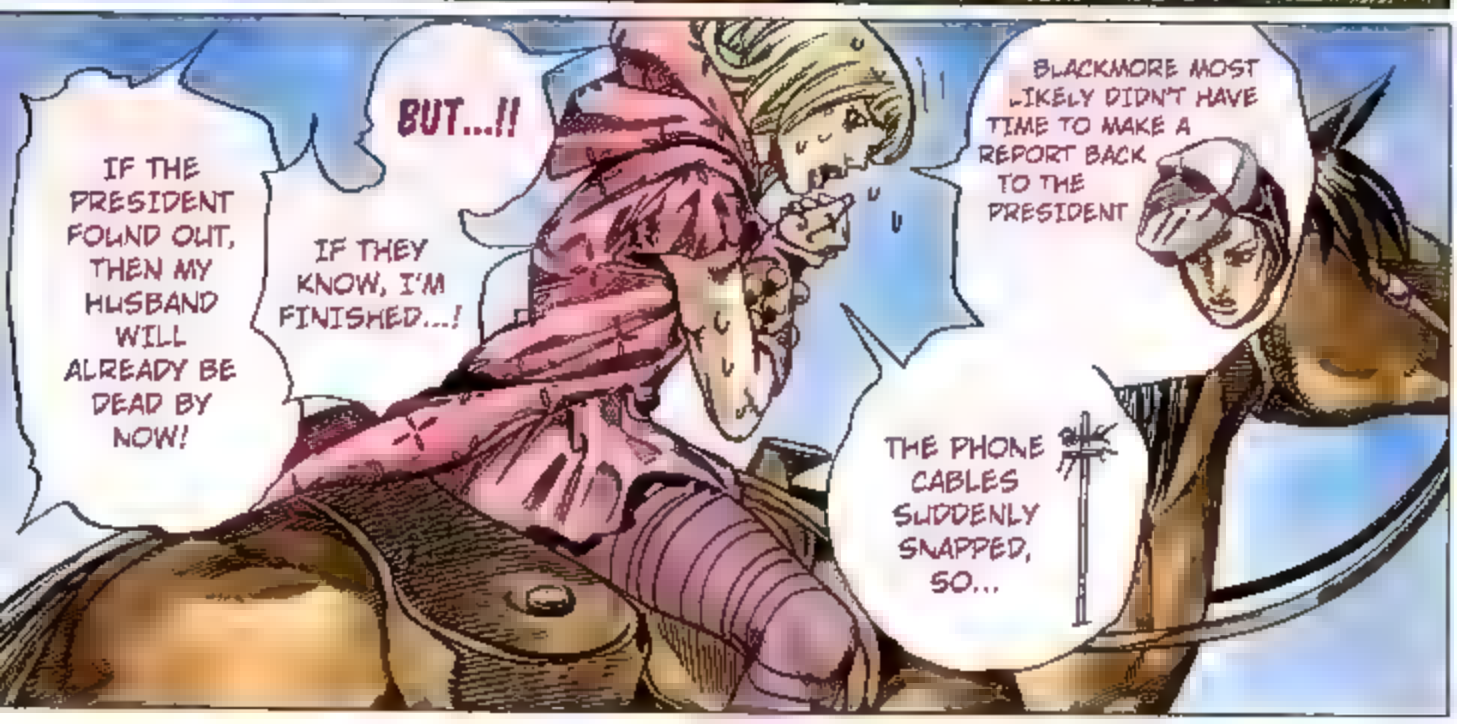
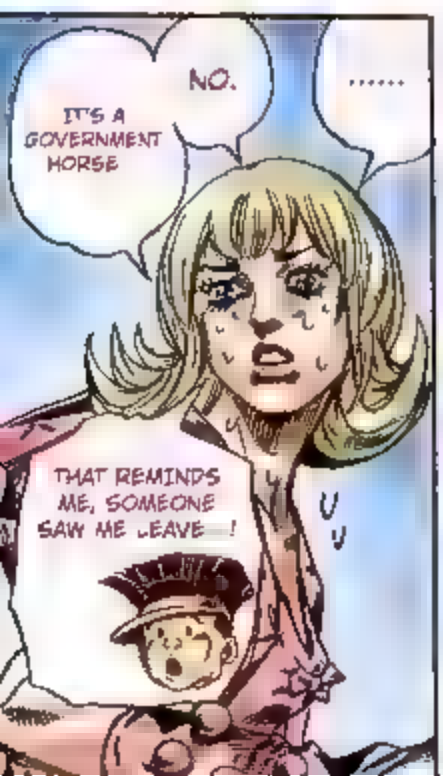

THAT GUY OVER THERE, HE CHASED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE.
YOU SURE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS BUDDIES DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?
THEY DON'T KNOW THAT IT WAS YOU WHO BROUGHT US THE 'SPINE'...?


BLACKMORE MOST LIKELY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE A REPORT BACK TO THE PRESIDENT
THE PHONE CABLES SUDDENLY SNAPPED, SO...
BUT...!!
IF THE PRESIDENT FOUND OUT, THEN MY HUSBAND WILL ALREADY BE DEAD BY NOW!
IF THEY KNOW, I'M FINISHED...!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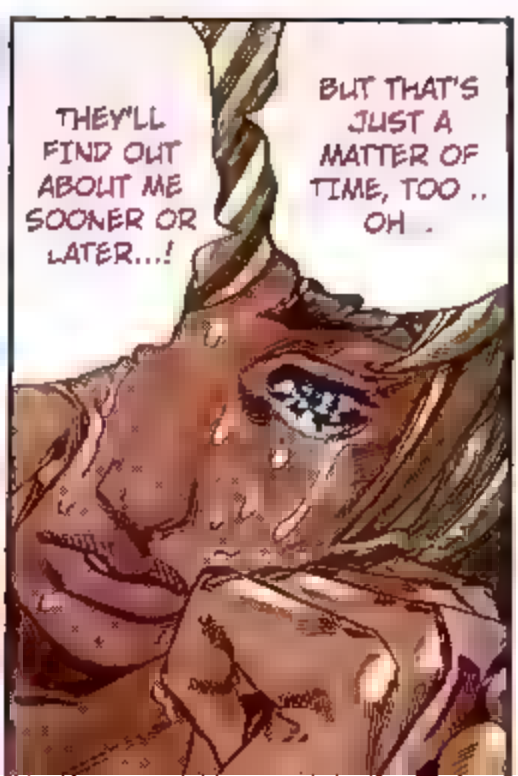
NO.
IT'S A GOVERNMENT HORSE
THAT REMINDS ME, SOMEONE SAW ME LEAVE !

I SEE.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
ALRIGHT, LAST QUESTION IS THAT YOUR HORSE?


BUT THAT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME, TOO .. OH .
THEY'LL FIND OUT ABOUT ME SOONER OR LATER...!

HI-YA!
THEN COME HERE.
I'VE MADE A VOW TO NEVER LET A WOMAN GET ON MY HORSE.
SO HITCH A RIDE WITH JOHNNY!
THAT WAY, NO ONE CAN PROVE THAT YOU WERE HERE!
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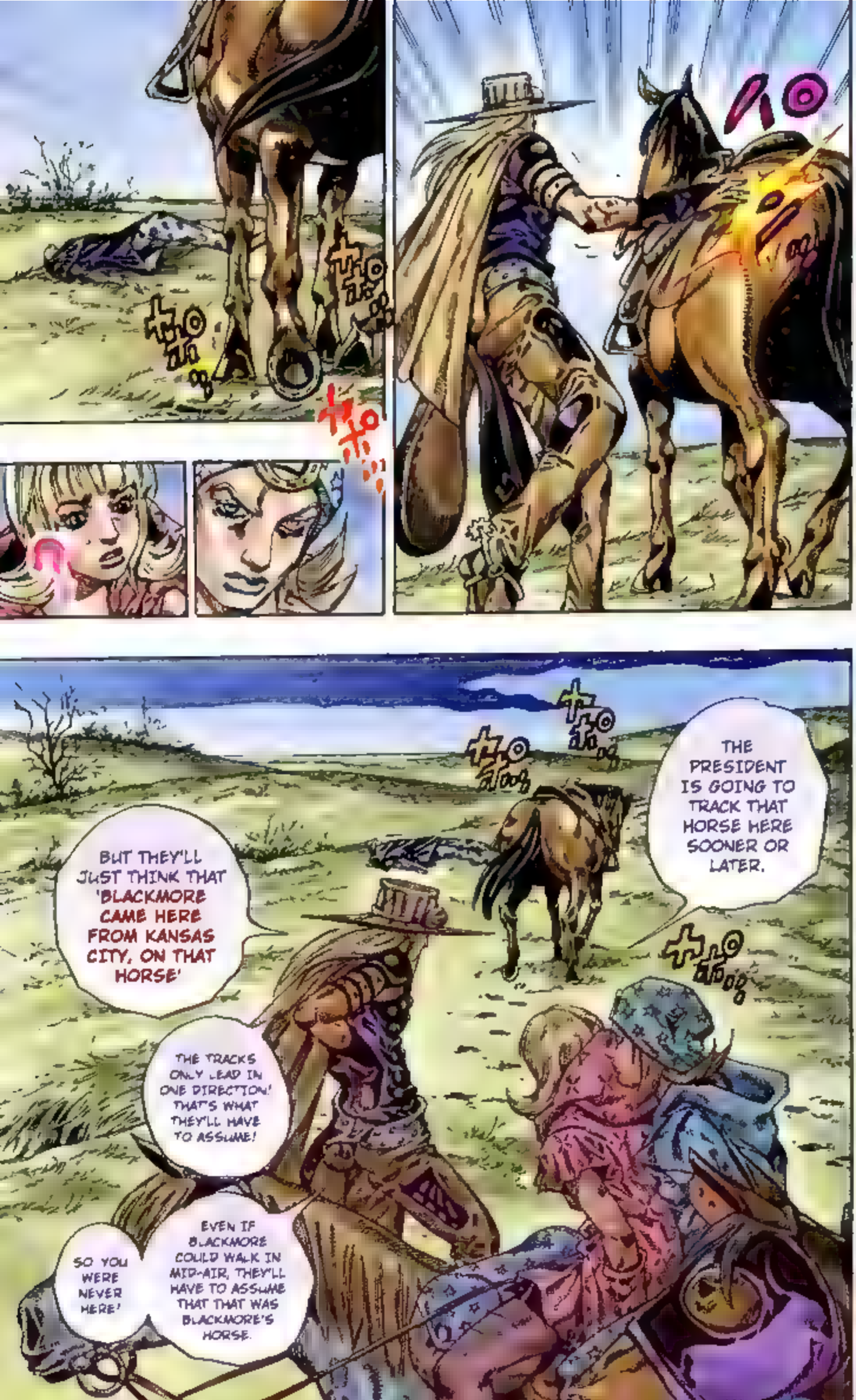
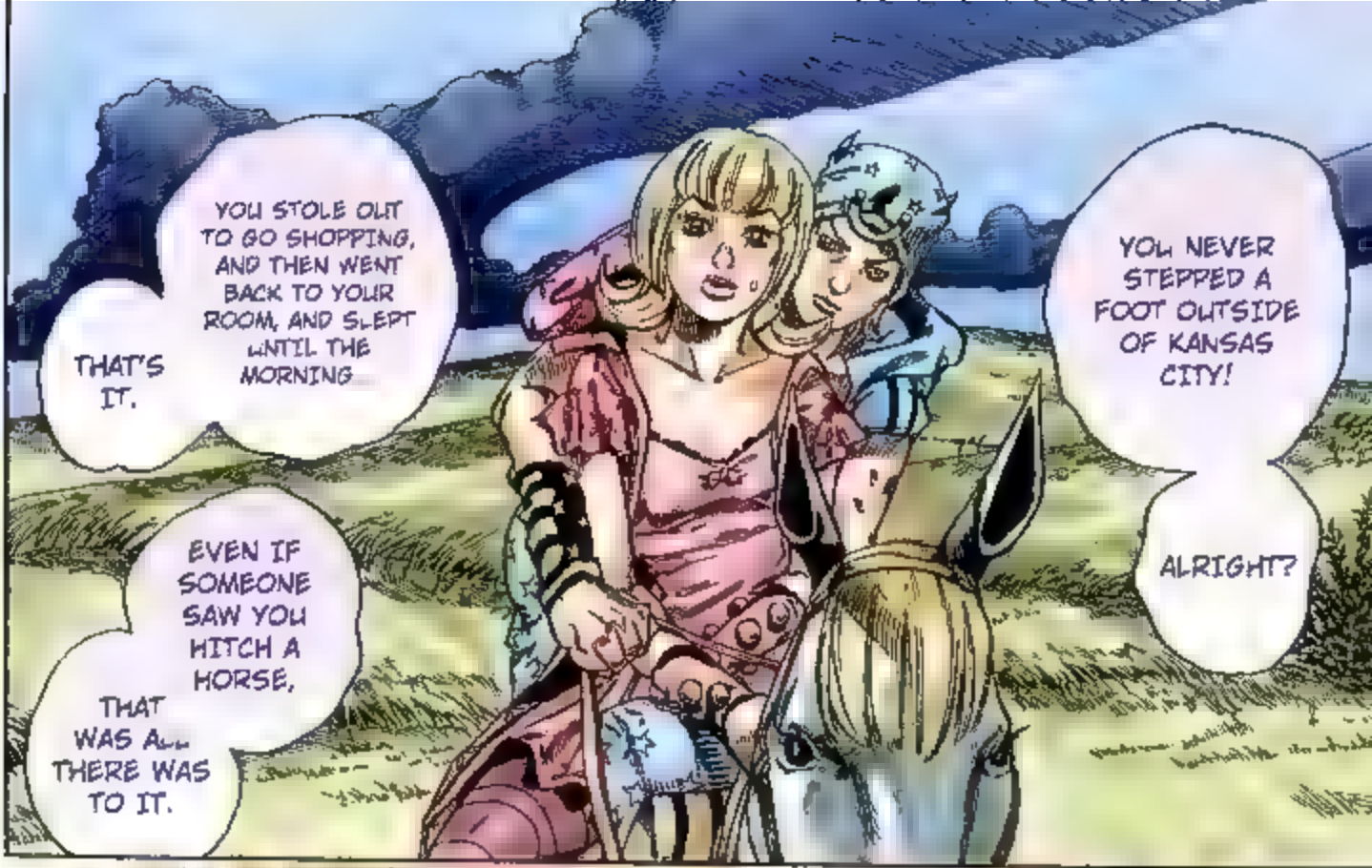
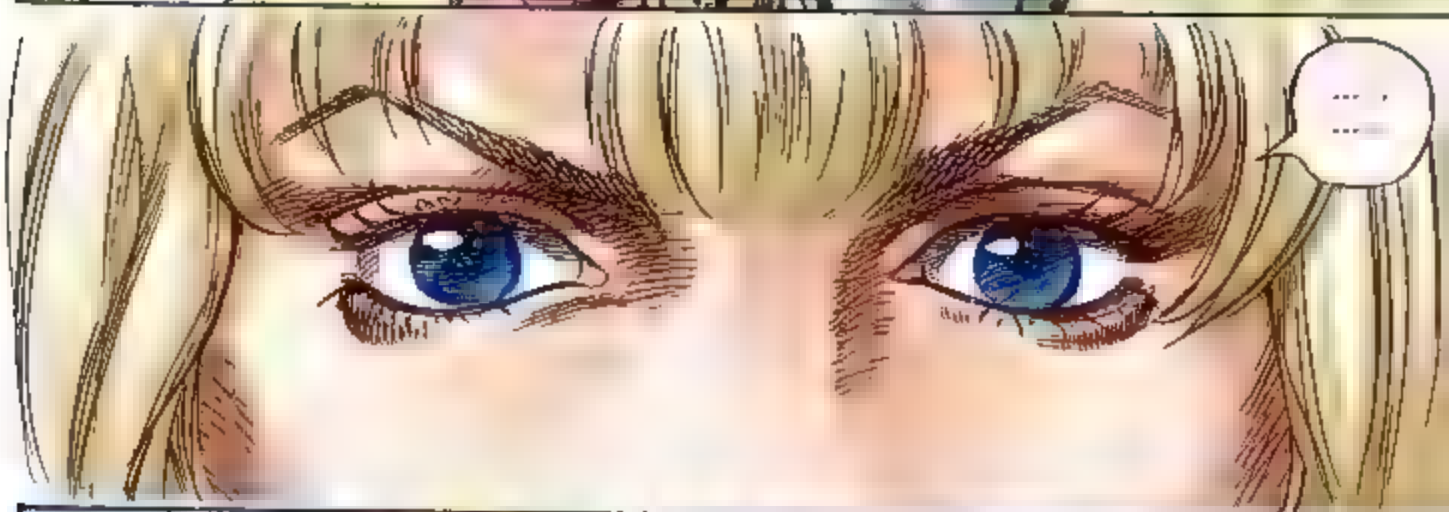

THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO TRACK THAT HORSE HERE SOONER OR LATER.
BUT THEY'LL JUST THINK THAT 'BLACKMORE CAME HERE FROM KANSAS CITY, ON THAT HORSE'
THE TRACKS ONLY LEAD IN ONE DIRECTION! THAT'S WHAT THEY'LL HAVE TO ASSUME!
SO YOU WERE NEVER HERE'
EVEN IF BLACKMORE COULD WALK IN MID-AIR, THEY'LL HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THAT WAS BLACKMORE'S HORSE.


YOU NEVER STEPPED A FOOT OUTSIDE OF KANSAS CITY!
ALRIGHT?
YOU STOLE OUT TO GO SHOPPING, AND THEN WENT BACK TO YOUR ROOM, AND SLEPT UNTIL THE MORNING
THAT'S IT.
EVEN IF SOMEONE SAW YOU HITCH A HORSE,
THAT WAS ALL THERE WAS TO IT.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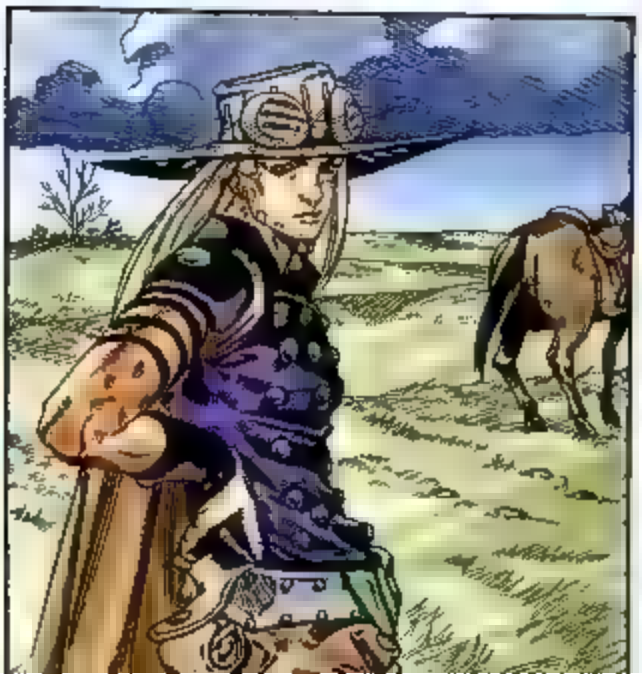

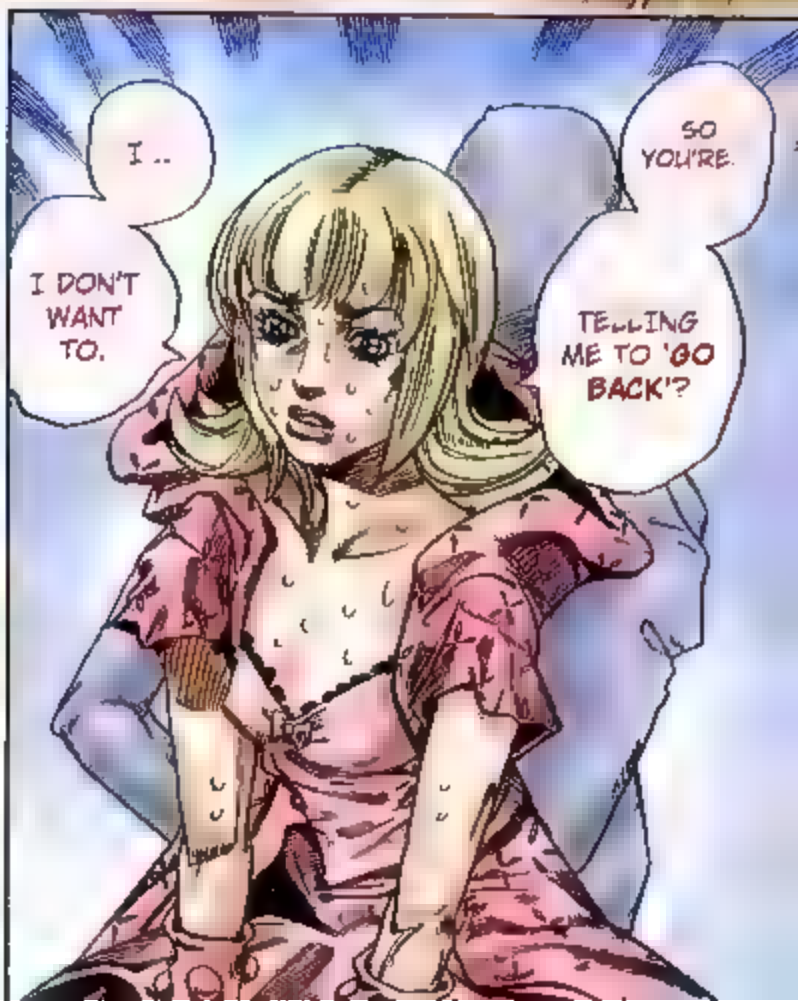
I ..
I DON'T WANT TO.
SO YOU'RE
TELLING ME TO 'GO BACK'?

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO QUIT THIS RACE NOW!
I REFUSE!
I CAN'T DO THAT!
WHAT I WAS ASKING YOU TO DO IS TO RESCUE MY HUSBAND FROM THE PRESIDENT,
I CAN'T GO BACK TO KANSAS!
AND TAKE HIM AND LET US ESCAPE TO A DIFFERENT COUNTRY!
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE!
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OH...
YOU GO BACK TO KANSAS CITY AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED. .
THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS SAFELY
AND
STAY NEAR YOUR HUSBAND DURING THE RACE, JUST LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY.
LISTEN UP,
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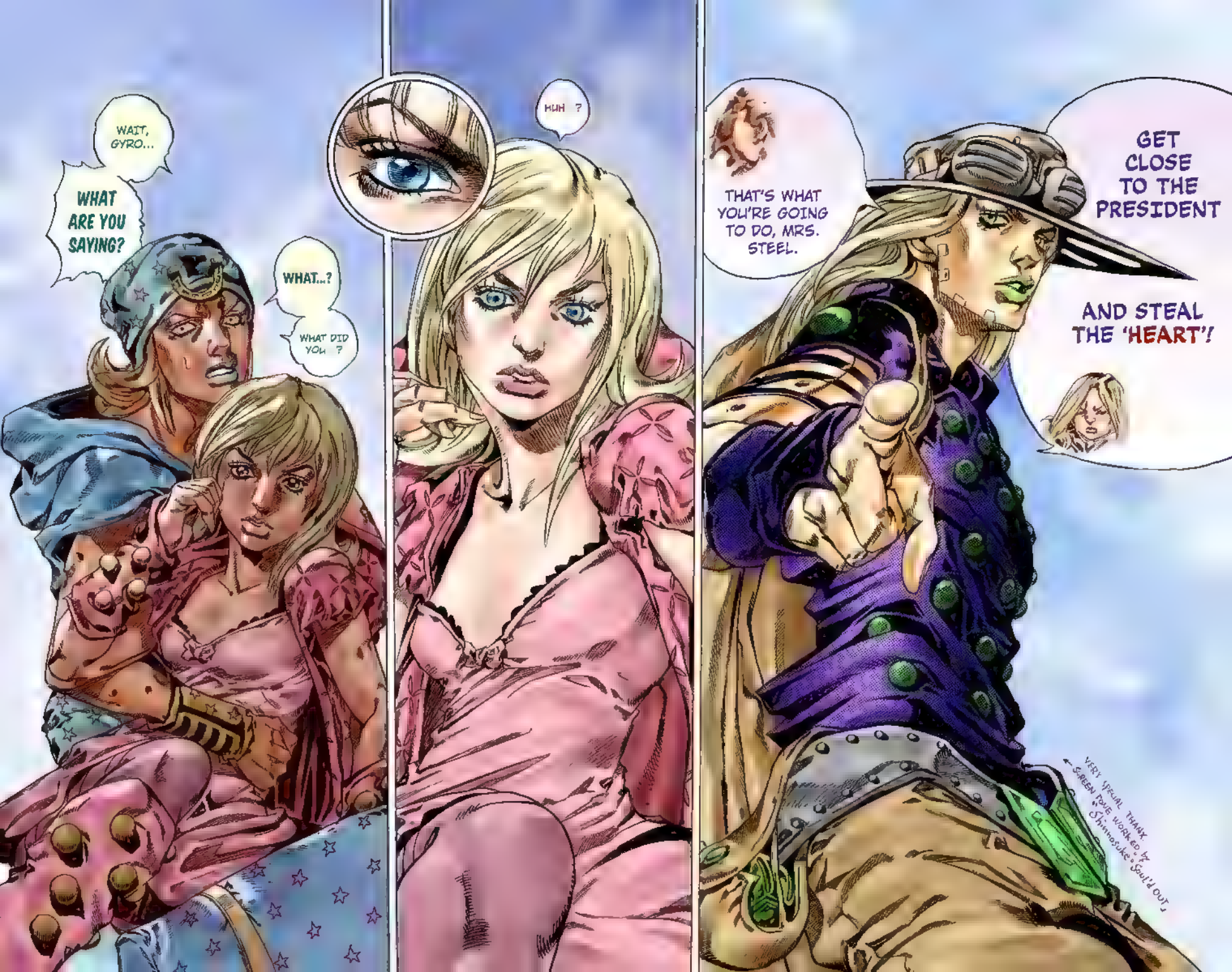
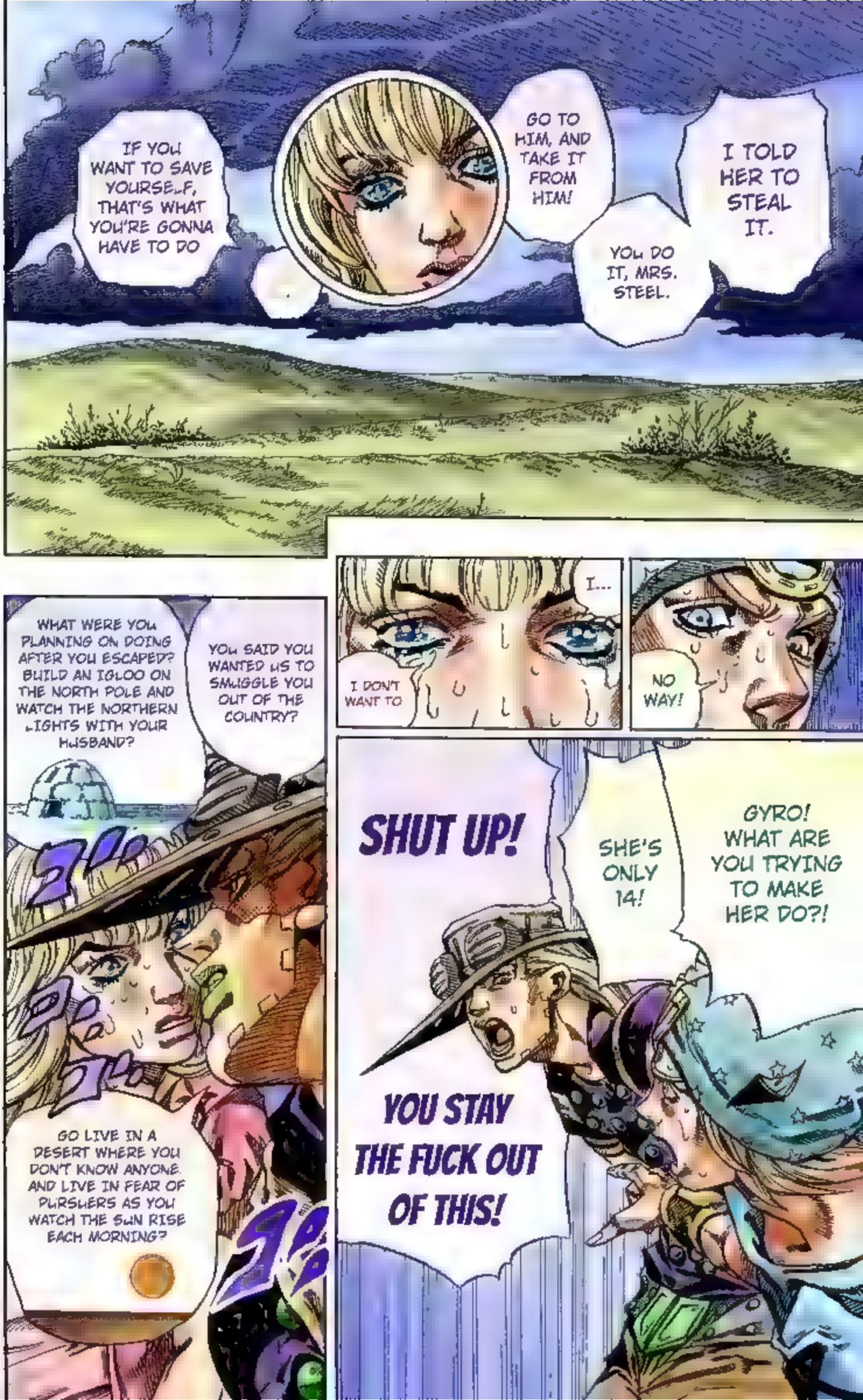
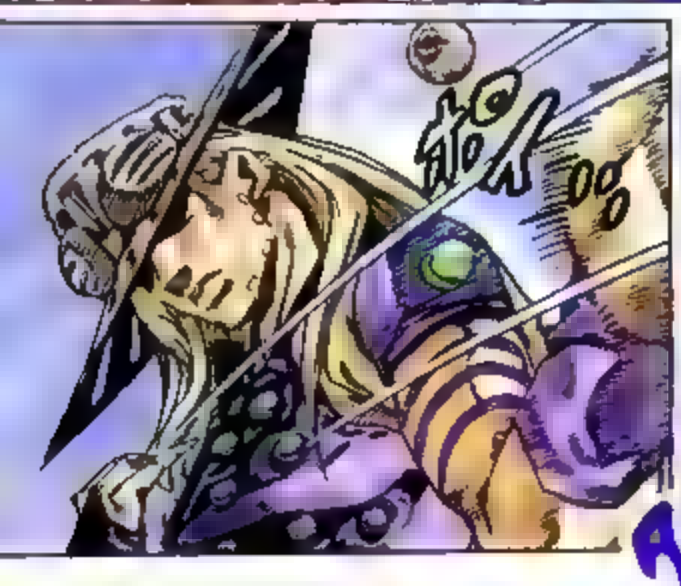

WAIT, GYRO...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT...?
WHAT DID YOU ?
HUH ?
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, MRS. STEEL.
GET CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT
AND STEAL THE 'HEART'!
VERY SPECIAL THANK ← SCREEN ROLE WORKED BY Shinnosuke's Soul'd Out.


IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOURSELF, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO
GO TO HIM, AND TAKE IT FROM HIM!
I TOLD HER TO STEAL IT.
YOU DO IT, MRS. STEEL.
I...
I DON'T WANT TO
NO WAY!
SHUT UP!
SHE'S ONLY 14!
GYRO! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE HER DO?!
YOU STAY THE FUCK OUT OF THIS!
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING ON DOING AFTER YOU ESCAPED? BUILD AN IGLOO ON THE NORTH POLE AND WATCH THE NORTHERN LIGHTS WITH YOUR HUSBAND?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED US TO SMUGGLE YOU OUT OF THE COUNTRY?
GO LIVE IN A DESERT WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYONE. AND LIVE IN FEAR OF PURSUERS AS YOU WATCH THE SUN RISE EACH MORNING?

I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO 'DEFEAT' THE PRESIDENT, JUST TO TAKE HIS 'ABILITY'!
TONIGHT, YOU SUCCEEDED IN DOING THAT PARTIALLY...
IF YOU SWORE YOUR LOVE TO HIM WHEN YOU MARRIED HIM, THEN PROTECT THAT OATH TO YOUR HUSBAND!



AND BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE COMMENDED, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.

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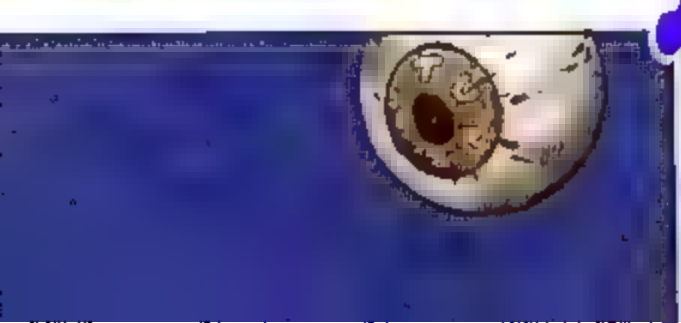
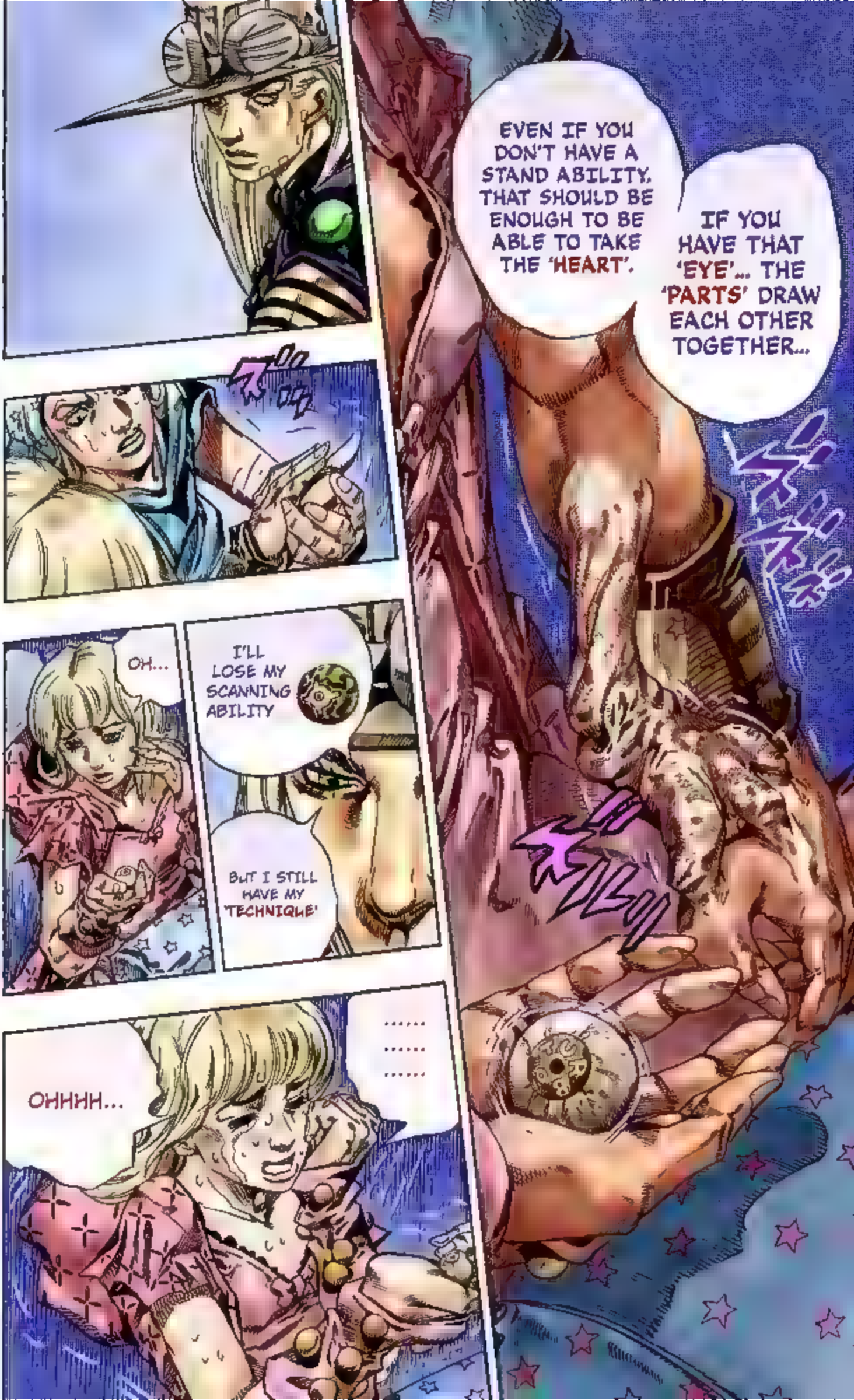
AH...




EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STAND ABILITY, THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THE 'HEART'.
IF YOU HAVE THAT 'EYE'... THE 'PARTS' DRAW EACH OTHER TOGETHER...
OH...
I'LL LOSE MY SCANNING ABILITY
BUT I STILL HAVE MY 'TECHNIQUE'
OHHHH...

BUT THE CHANCES OF THIS SUCCEEDING ARE CLOSE TO ZERO!
YOU'RE TELLING HER TO INFILTRATE THE 'CORE OF THE ENEMY! IF SHE FAILS THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE GRAVE!
I WANT THE 'CORPSE' MORE THAN YOU DO. .
SO A PART OF ME WON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE COMPLETELY ANGRY WITH YOU, EVEN IF I WANT TO
DAMMIT!
WHO'LL COME TO HER IF SHE FAILS?
I'LL DO IT...
I'LL DO IT...
I...
THIS IS A TERRIBLE THING TO PROPOSE! IT'S TOO HEARTLESS, GYRO ZEPPELI!
I'LL DO IT...
I'LL DO AS YOU SAY .
IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY...
....
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I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, MRS. LUCY STEEL...
I WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND'S GOOD LUCK..
THOUGH, WELL, I'LL NEVER LET YOU RIDE ON MY HORSE, OF COURSE.
AND YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME BACK THAT "BYE" EVENTUALLY! DON'T LOSE IT SOMEWHERE!
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW THE NEXT CORPSE PART LOCATIONS!
WE HAVE TO GET TO KANSAS CITY.
JOHNNY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMFORT HER .
OH .
OHHHH...
SOB SOB
....
.....

YOU WANTED TO 'TALK'... WAS IT?
HMM.
YOUR NAME... DIEGO BRANDO, YES?
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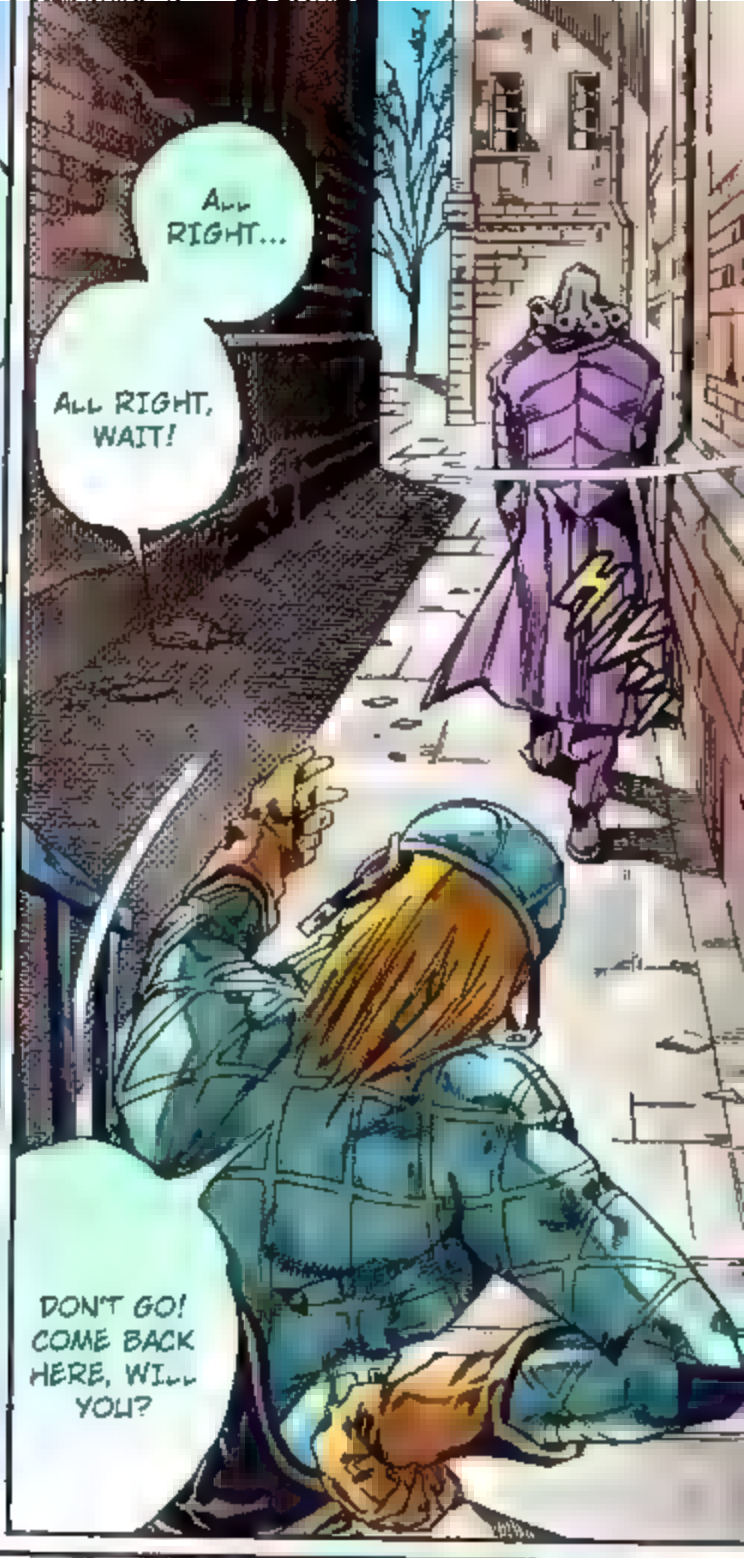
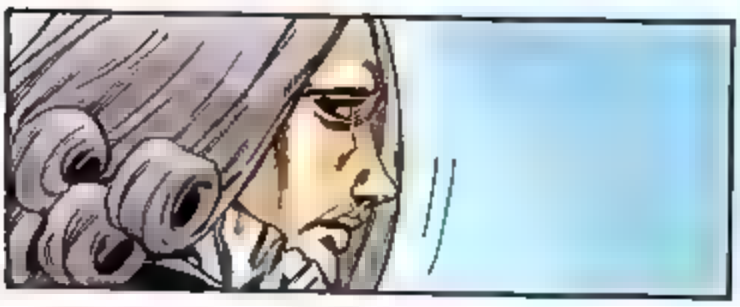
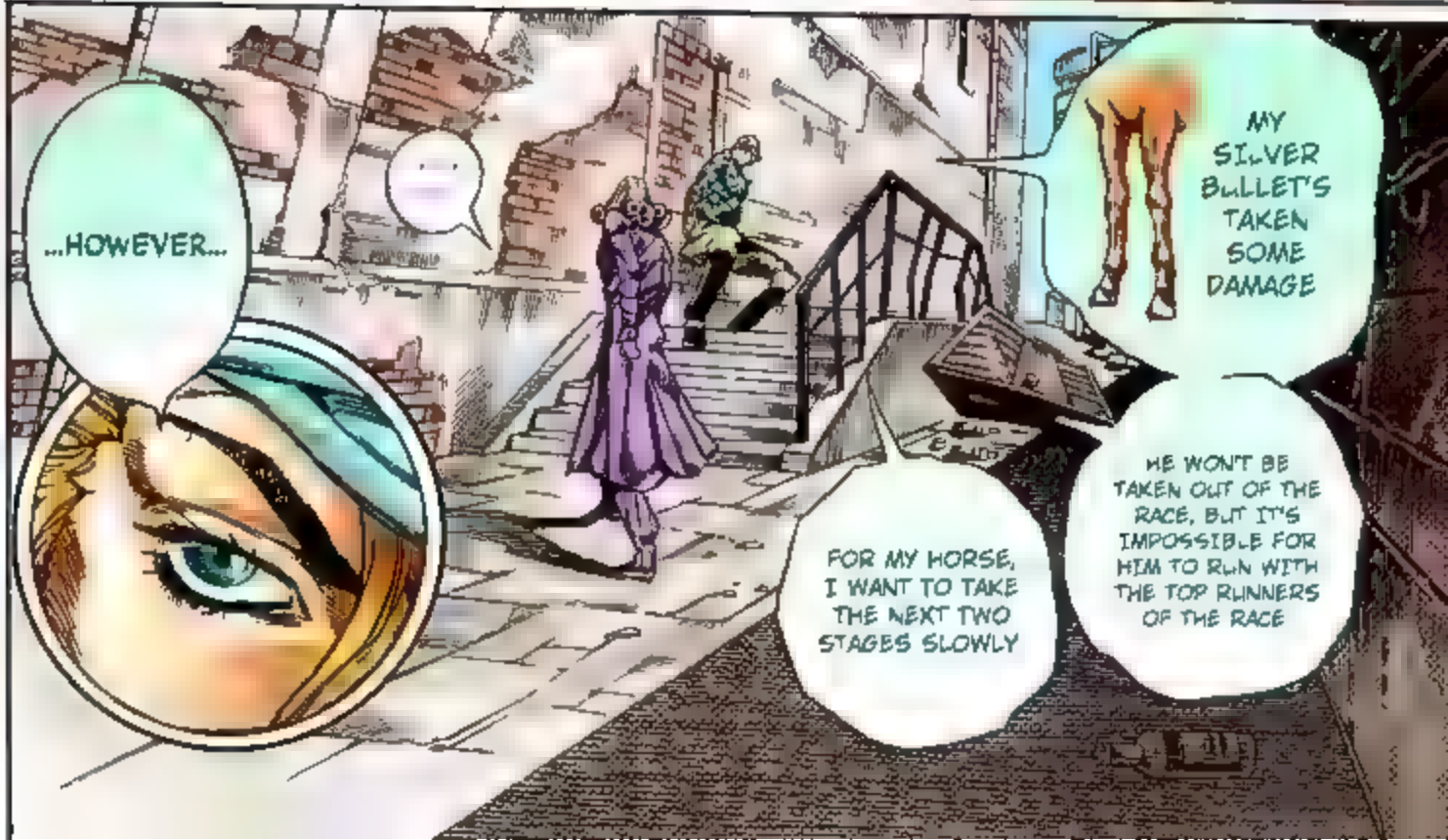
.. ..
.. . .
WHOA! LET'S NOT GET TOO HASTY THOUGH.
I THOUGHT I SAID I WANTED TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT?
I HAVE THE 'LEFT EYE' OF THE CORPSE...
I'LL HAND THIS OVER TO YOU.
YES LET ME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

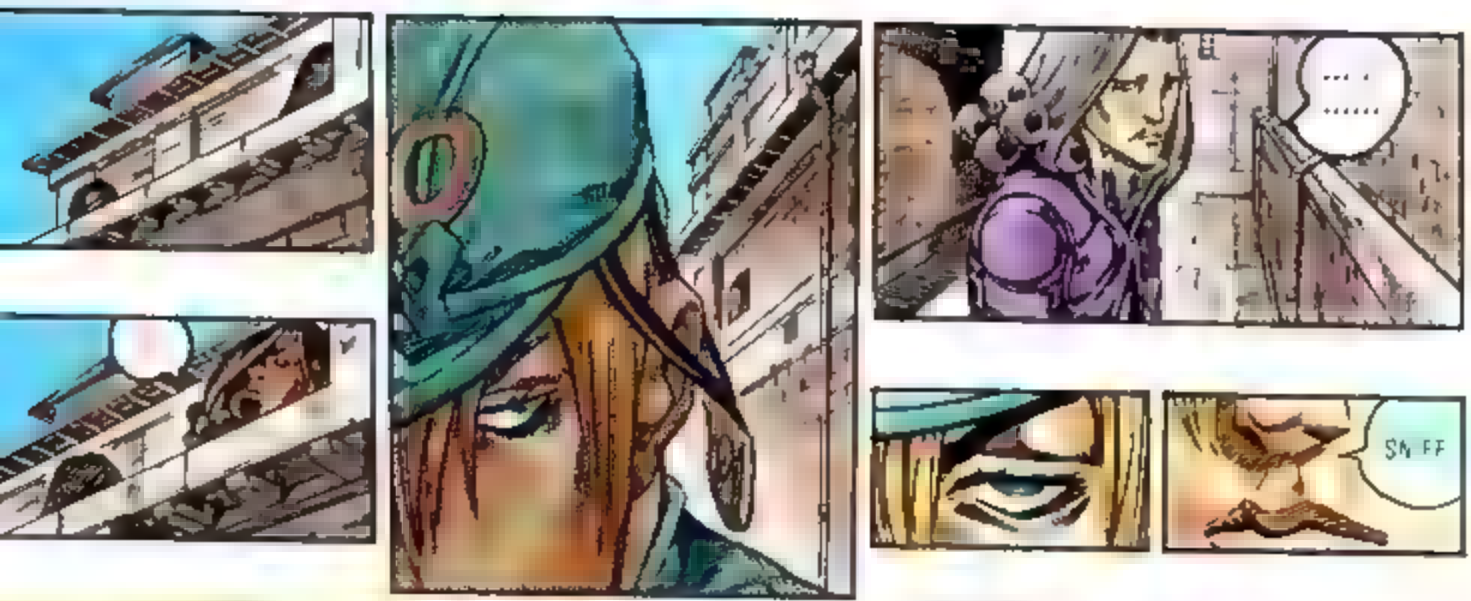
I WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOUR PRESIDENT.
WE'LL TALK, THEN


ALL RIGHT...
ALL RIGHT, WAIT!
DON'T GO! COME BACK HERE, WILL YOU?




...HOWEVER...
MY SILVER BULLET'S TAKEN SOME DAMAGE
HE WON'T BE TAKEN OUT OF THE RACE, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RUN WITH THE TOP RUNNERS OF THE RACE
FOR MY HORSE, I WANT TO TAKE THE NEXT TWO STAGES SLOWLY

YOU WANT THE SAME THING CORRECT?
WHY DON'T WE COLLABORATE OUR EFFORTS?
GYRO ZEPELLI AND JOHNNY JOESTAR DEFINITELY KNOW WHERE THE NEXT 'CORPSE PARTS' ARE LOCATED...
I DON'T KNOW WHICH 'PARTS' THEY ARE YET BUT I WANT TO TAKE THEM FROM THOSE TWO.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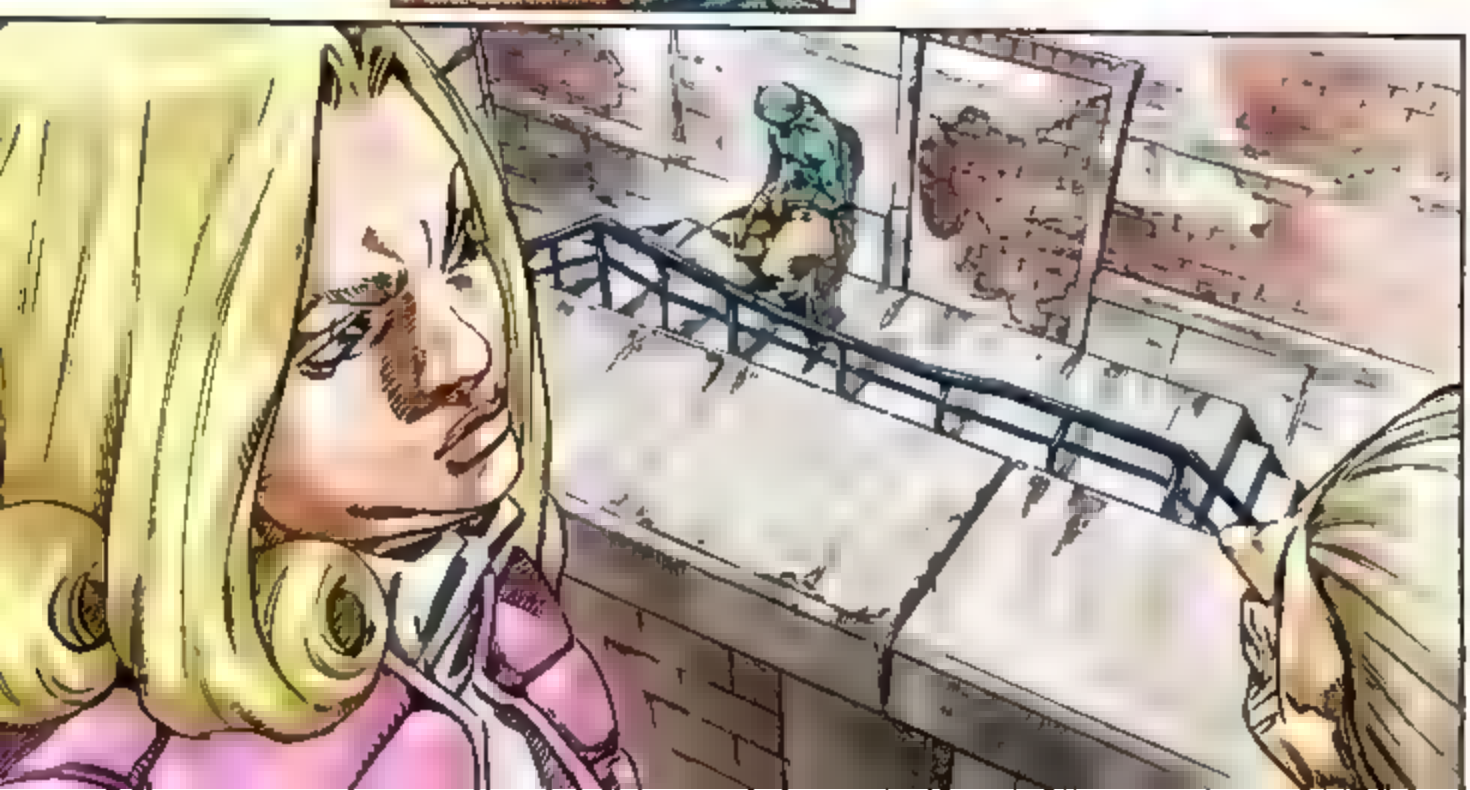
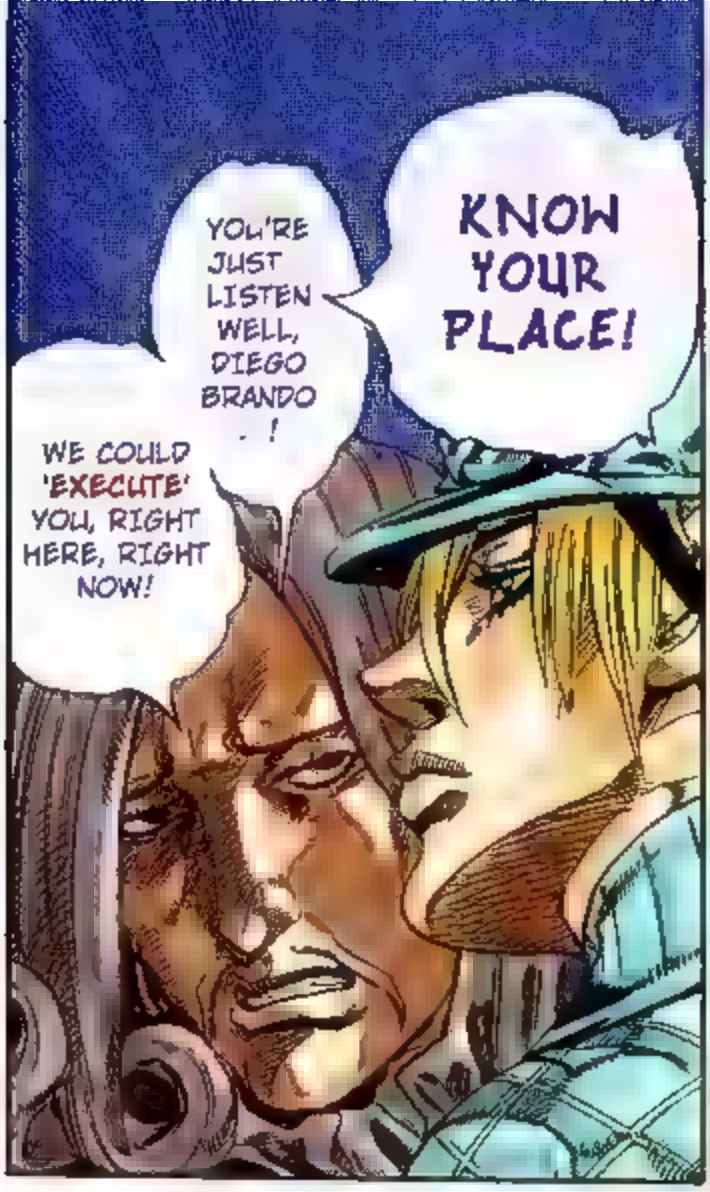
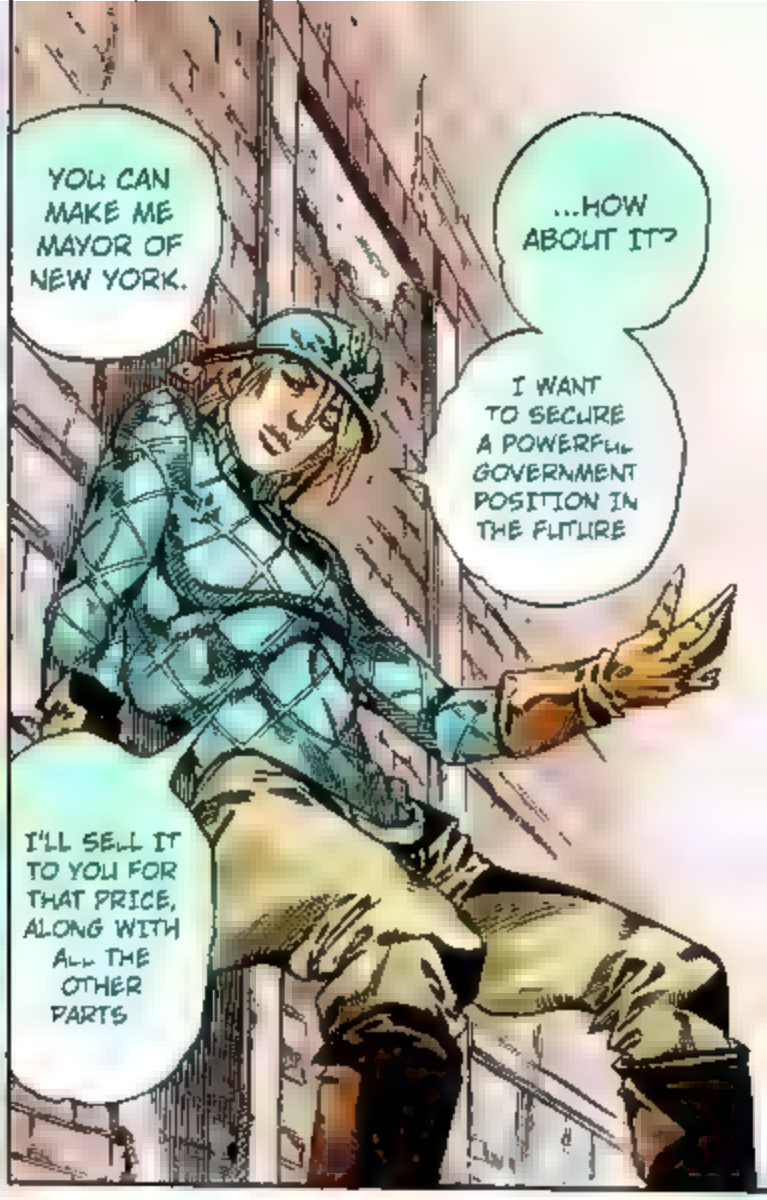
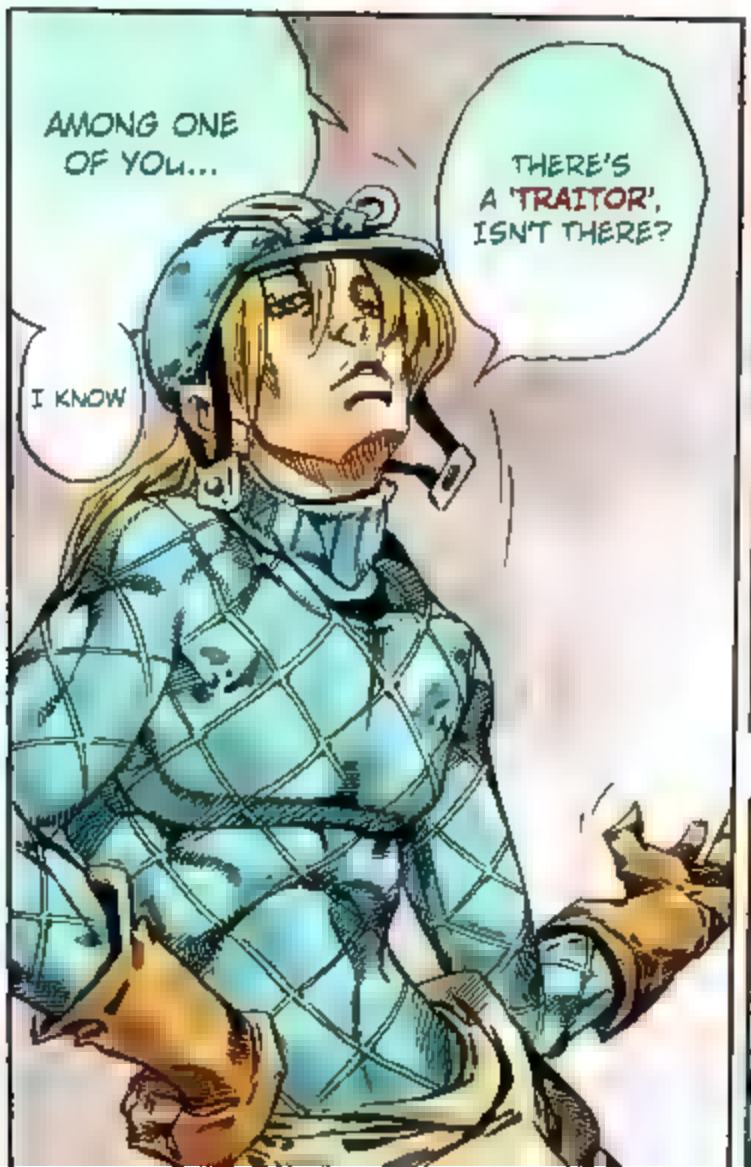


YOU'VE LOST ME...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'CORPSE PARTS'?
I WANT 'MONEY' SIMPLE ENOUGH, RIGHT?
'MONEY'.
THE 'CORPSE' WASN'T MY MAIN OBJECTIVE TO BEGIN WITH
I'LL GLADLY GIVE UP THIS 'EYE', ALONG WITH THE OTHER PARTS.
WHAT I DO WANT, HOWEVER, IS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY DUMB WITH ME. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIVULGE TOO MUCH INFORMATION, THAT'S FINE WITH ME
AND SELL THEM TO THE PRESIDENT!
THAT'S THE TRANSACTION.
I, DIO, WILL TAKE THE OTHER 'CORPSE PARTS' FROM GYRO...

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
HM, BY THE WAY, THAT 'EYE'...
(THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL BUY IT FROM YOU OR NOT).
NEW YORK'S 'MANHATTAN ISLAND'...


KNOW YOUR PLACE!
YOU'RE JUST LISTEN WELL, DIEGO BRANDO . !
WE COULD 'EXECUTE' YOU, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!


YOU CAN MAKE ME MAYOR OF NEW YORK.
...HOW ABOUT IT?
I WANT TO SECURE A POWERFUL GOVERNMENT POSITION IN THE FUTURE
I'LL SELL IT TO YOU FOR THAT PRICE, ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER PARTS


AMONG ONE OF YOU...
THERE'S A 'TRAITOR', ISN'T THERE?
I KNOW

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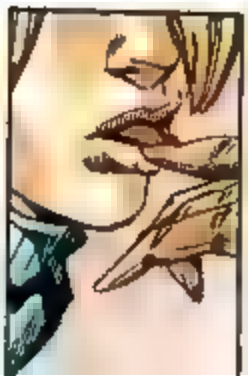

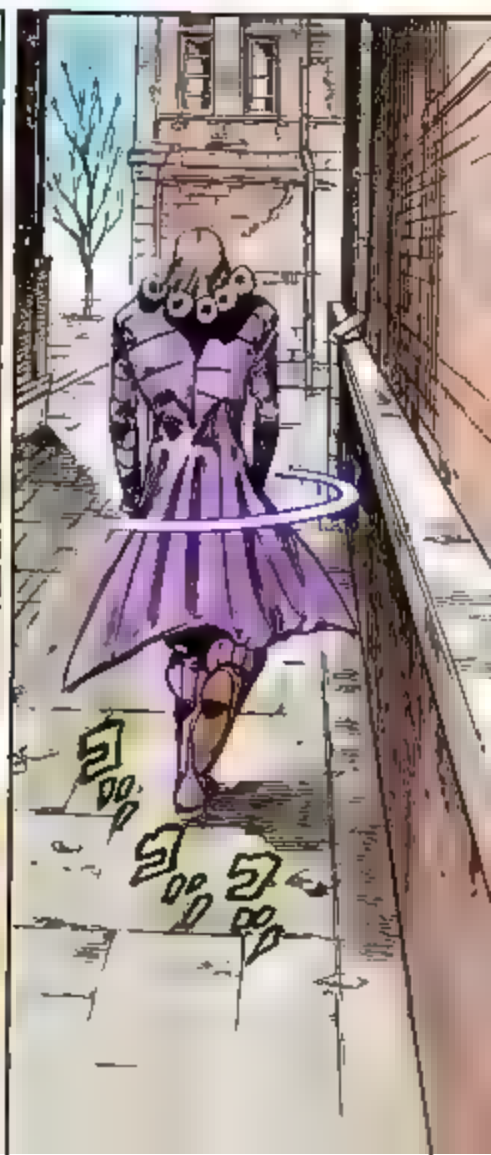

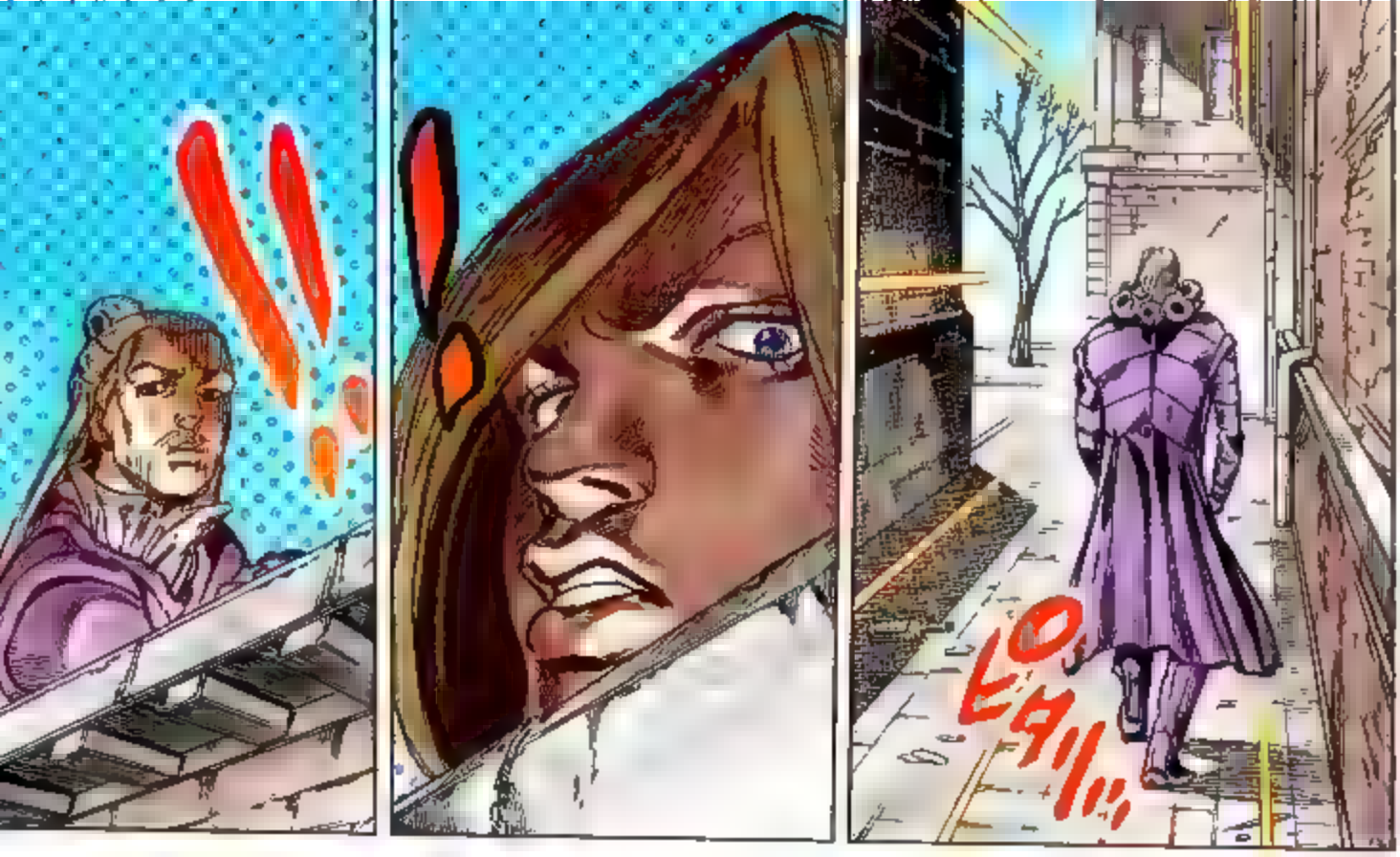
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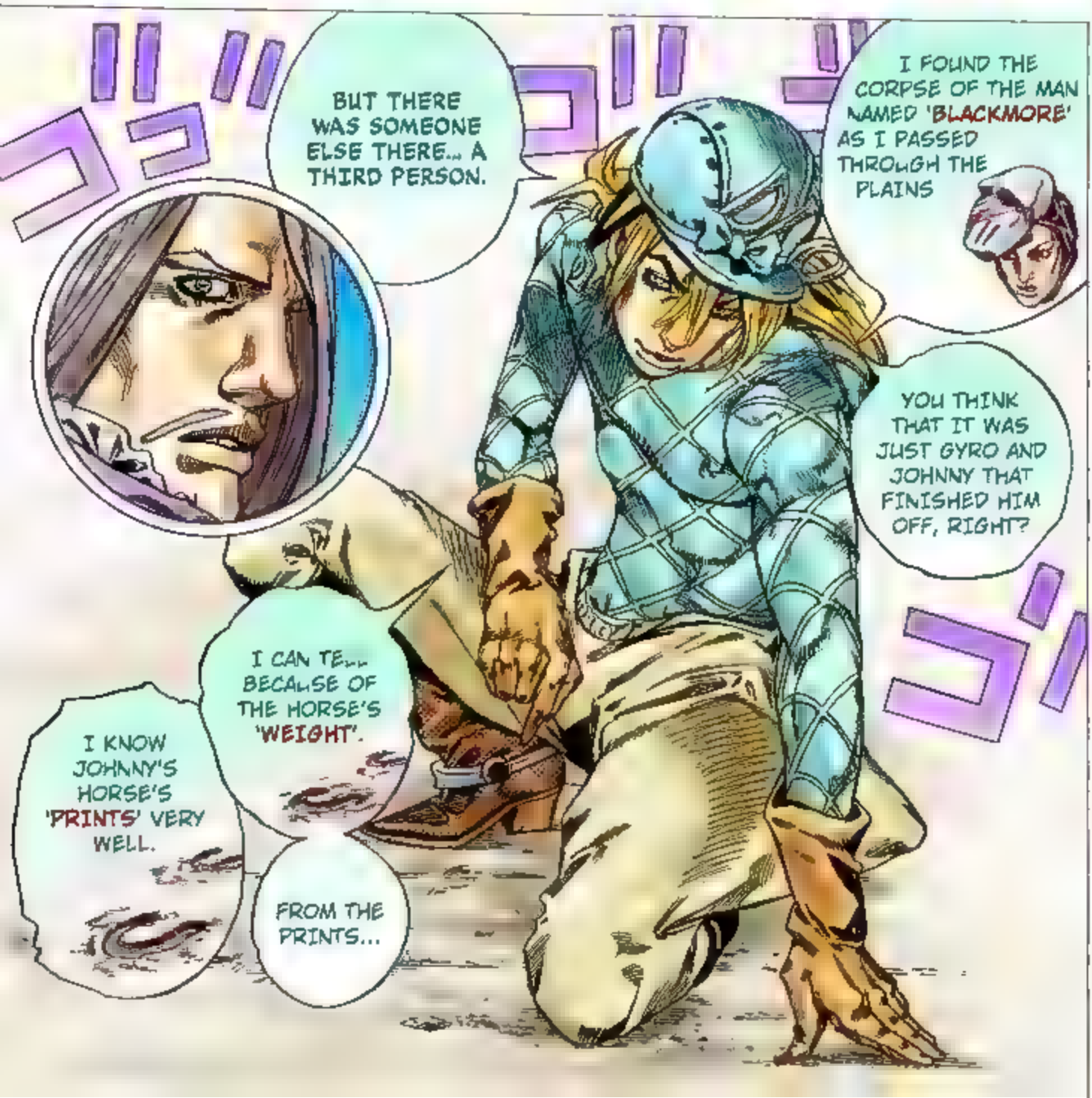
BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE THERE... A THIRD PERSON.
I FOUND THE CORPSE OF THE MAN NAMED 'BLACKMORE' AS I PASSED THROUGH THE PLAINS
YOU THINK THAT IT WAS JUST GYRO AND JOHNNY THAT FINISHED HIM OFF, RIGHT?
I CAN TE... BECAUSE OF THE HORSE'S 'WEIGHT'.
I KNOW JOHNNY'S HORSE'S 'PRINTS' VERY WELL.
FROM THE PRINTS...

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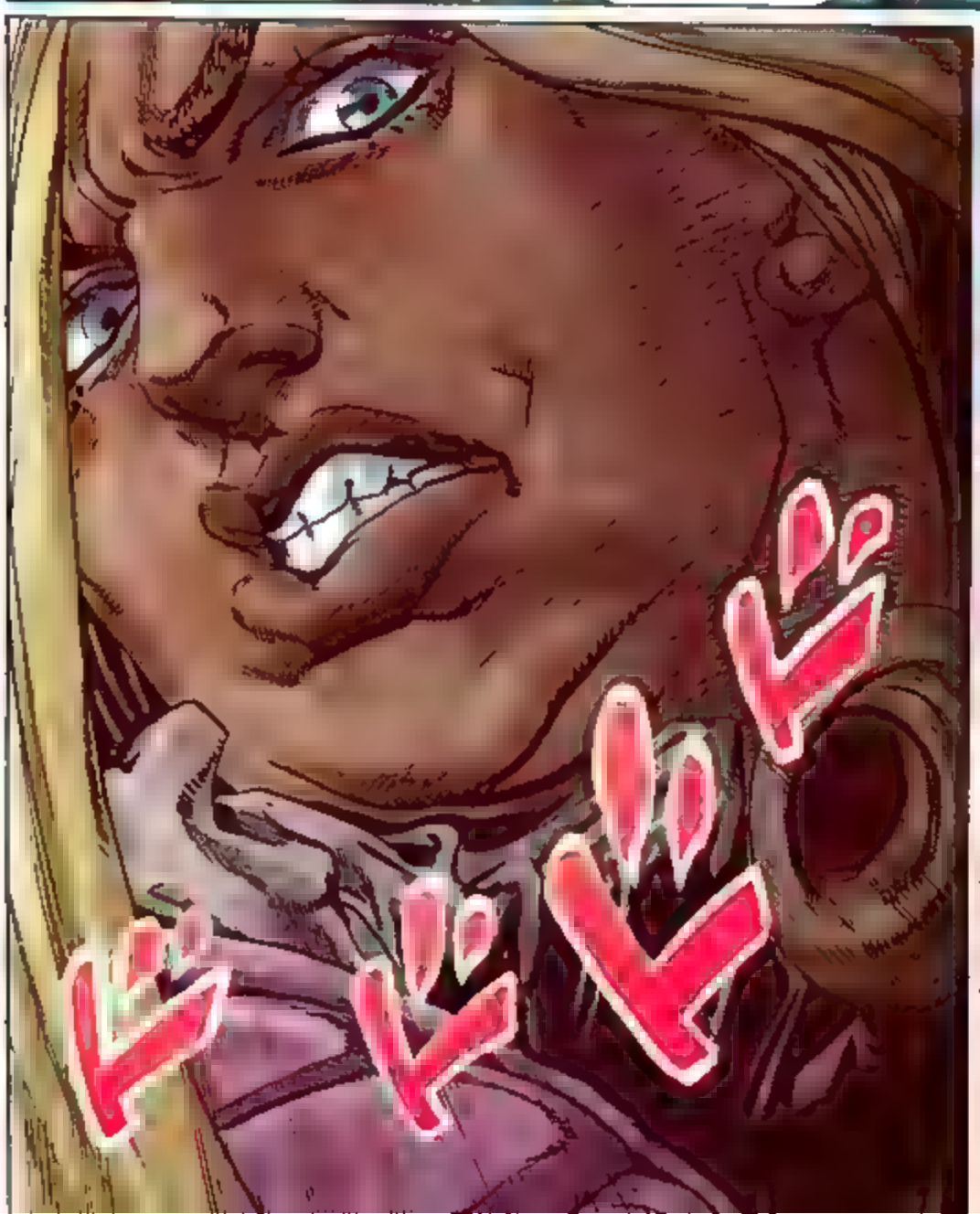
BUT WHY?
BECAUSE THE THIRD PARTY WAS YOUR 'TRAITOR'.
BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED TO LEAVE THE HORSE BEHIND AND PRETEND THAT NOTHING HAPPENED THAT'S WHY THEY RODE ON JOHNNY'S HORSE. AM I WRONG?
SOMEONE HITCHED A RIDE ON JOHNNY'S HORSE BACK THERE.
THE HORSE WAS CARRYING MORE 'WEIGHT'.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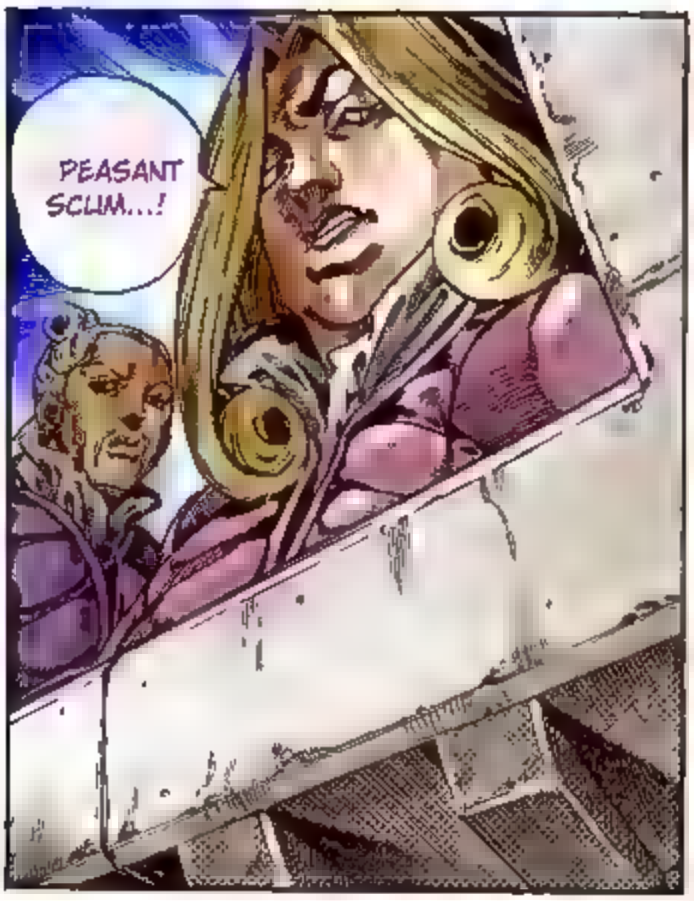
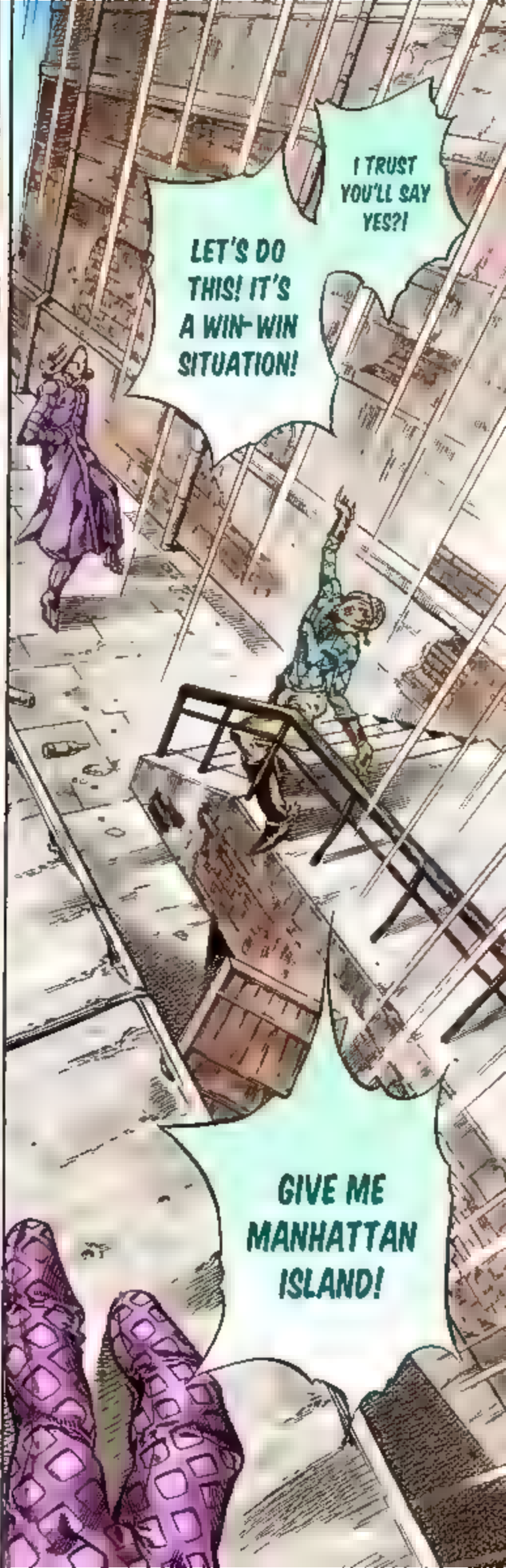
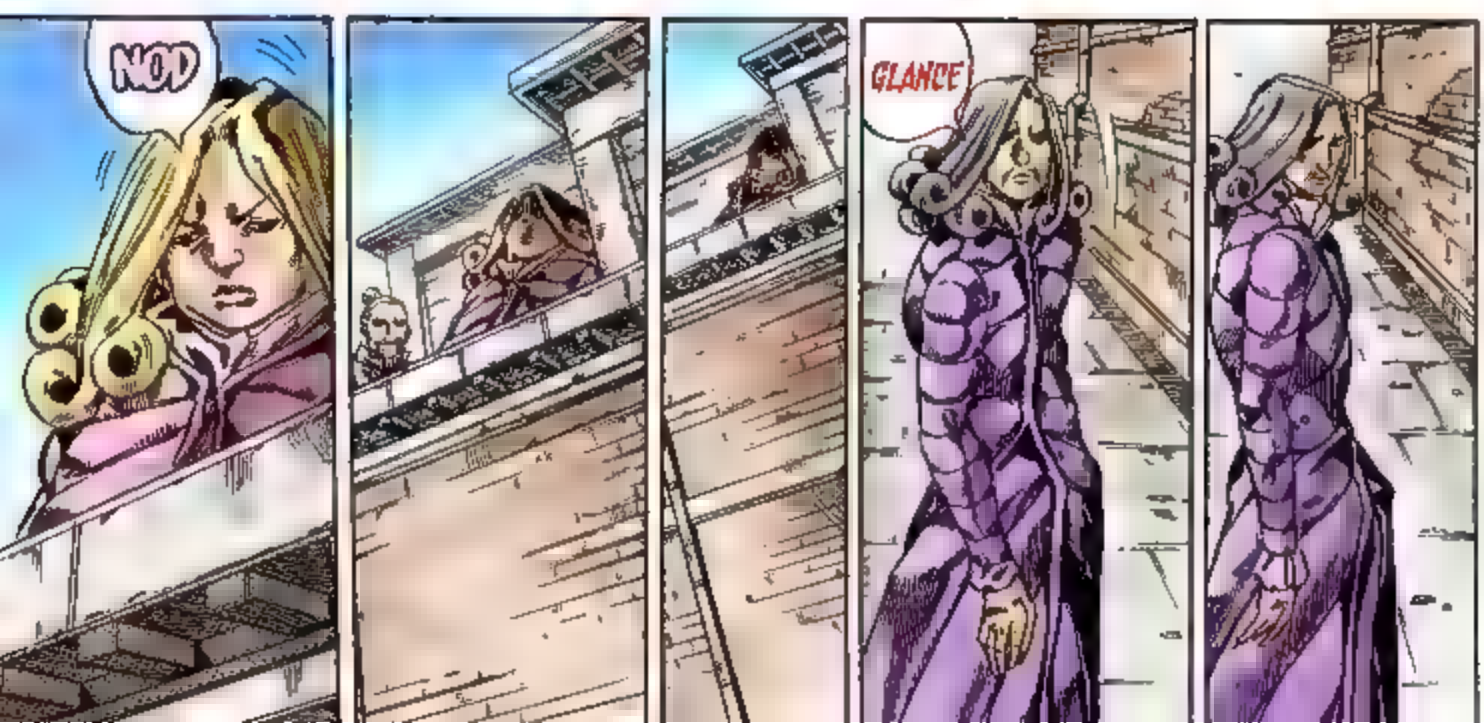
AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?
I SEE.
BECAUSE I KNOW EVERYONE'S 'WEIGHT'.
I BET YOU DO ..
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
I COULD FIND OUT WHO.
I MIGHT NOT KNOW THE FACE, BUT I COULD FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
BUT I WON'T TELL YOU, NOT JUST YET.
I'LL TELL YOU ONCE I TAKE THE 'PARTS' FROM GYRO,
AND FINISH MY 'REVENGE'!
SO? ARE YOU WILLING TO DO BUSINESS WITH ME?
WHAT?!


PEASANT SCUM...!

MR. DIEGO BRANDO
AND? WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?


I TRUST YOU'LL SAY YES?!
LET'S DO THIS! IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION!
GIVE ME MANHATTAN ISLAND!

DIO
TO BE MY LOYAL 'SUBORDINATE'.
I REPEAT, 'SUBORDINATE'
I WANT ANOTHER 'STAND USER'
MY HORSE WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP TO THOSE TWO IN ITS CURRENT CONDITION.
I'M GOING TO TAKE DOWN GYRO AS A TEAM.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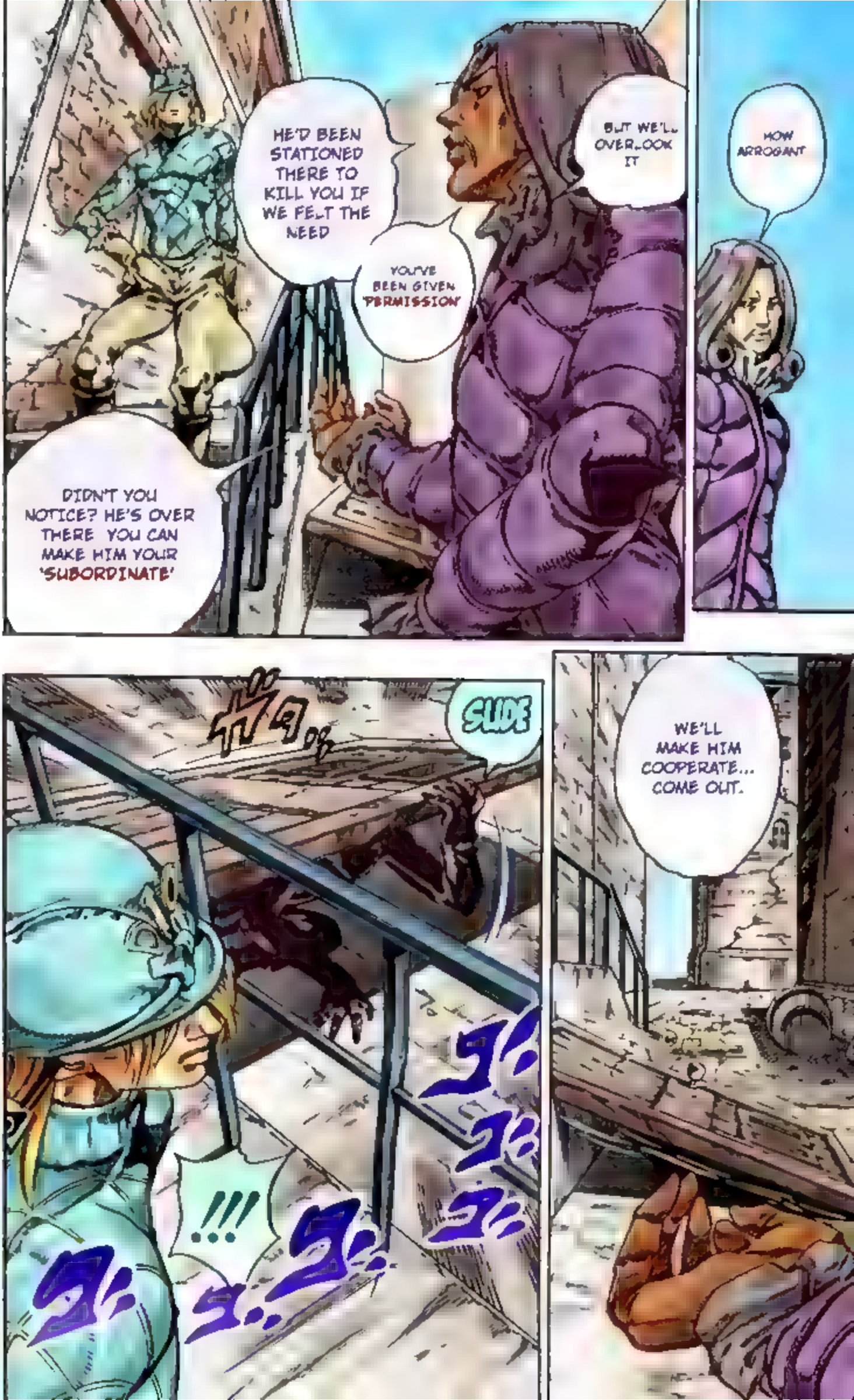
GLANCE


HE'D BEEN STATIONED THERE TO KILL YOU IF WE FELT THE NEED
BUT WE'LL OVERLOOK IT
HOW ARROGANT
YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE? HE'S OVER THERE YOU CAN MAKE HIM YOUR 'SUBORDINATE'
SLIDE
!!!
WE'LL MAKE HIM COOPERATE... COME OUT.

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YOU...
IMPOSSIBLE
YOU WERE THERE THIS ENTIRE TIME?
HE'S THE ONE? HIM?
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IT CAN'T BE...

A 'STAND USER'?
YOU...
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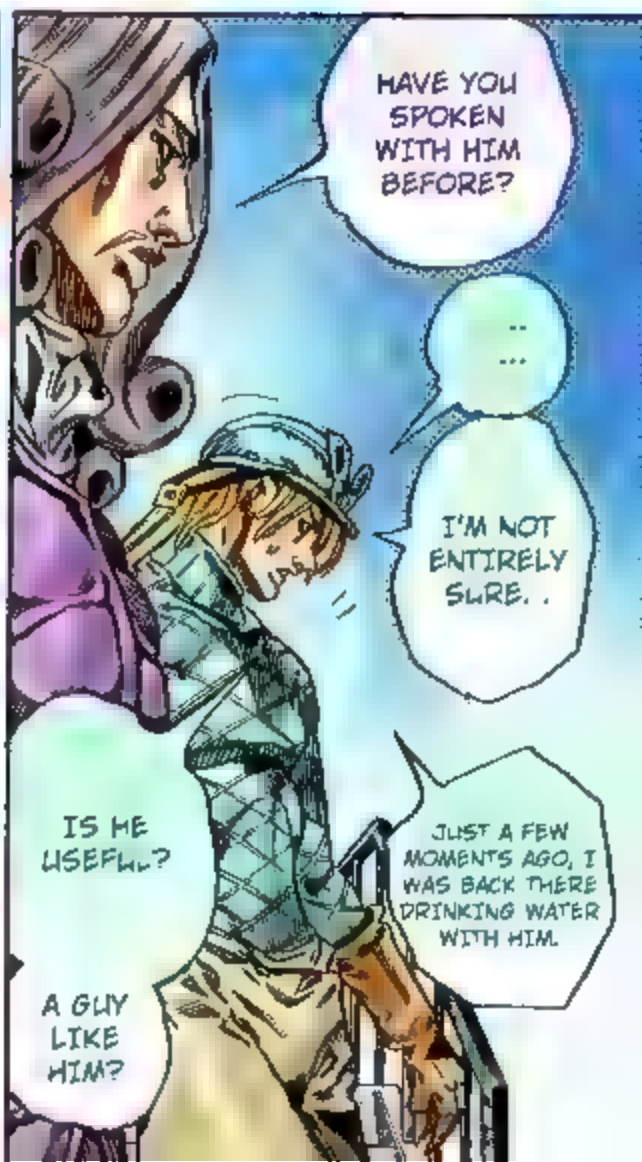
..
YOU'RE.


HAVE YOU SPOKEN WITH HIM BEFORE?
..
...
I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE. .
JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I WAS BACK THERE DRINKING WATER WITH HIM.
IS HE USEFUL?
A GUY LIKE HIM?

Note: The Japanese characters here are the word 'stab'

HEY .
WHAT IS THIS ?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO THAT BEEHIVE?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT TOO WELL MYSELF
BUT YOU SHOULD STAND BACK... I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD TOUCH THOSE THINGS

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DIO. I THINK YOU SHOULD LET GO OF THAT BOTTLE IMMEDIATELY!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO 'TOUCH THEM'...
DROP IT!
SFX Stab
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OH, MY
WAS THAT A WATCH?
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD YOU HAD IT ON, OTHERWISE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAS-TROUS
. . . .
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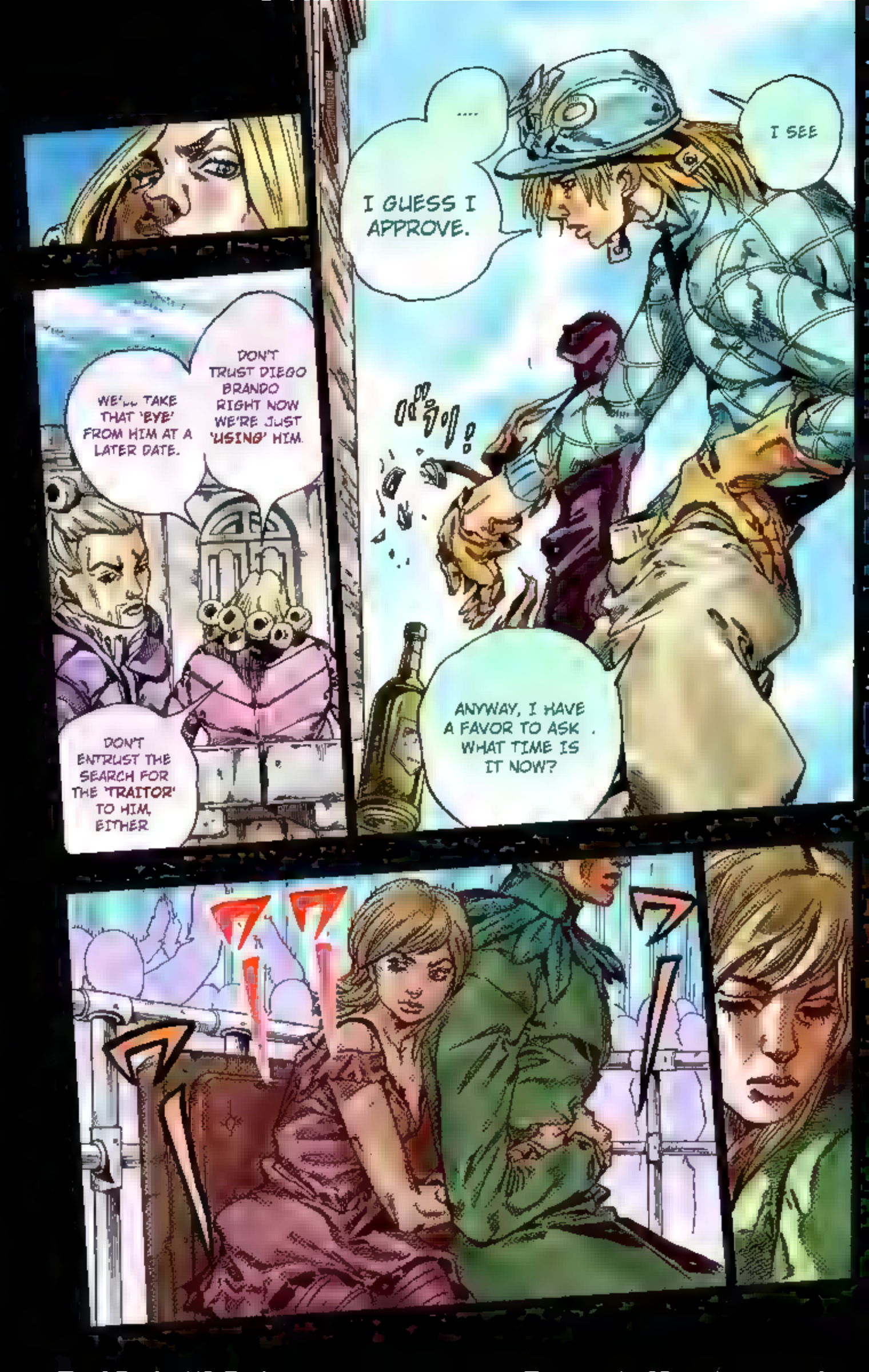
I SEE
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I GUESS I APPROVE.
ANYWAY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK . WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
DON'T TRUST DIEGO BRANDO RIGHT NOW WE'RE JUST 'USING' HIM.
WE'LL TAKE THAT 'EYE' FROM HIM AT A LATER DATE.
DON'T ENTRUST THE SEARCH FOR THE 'TRAITOR' TO HIM, EITHER

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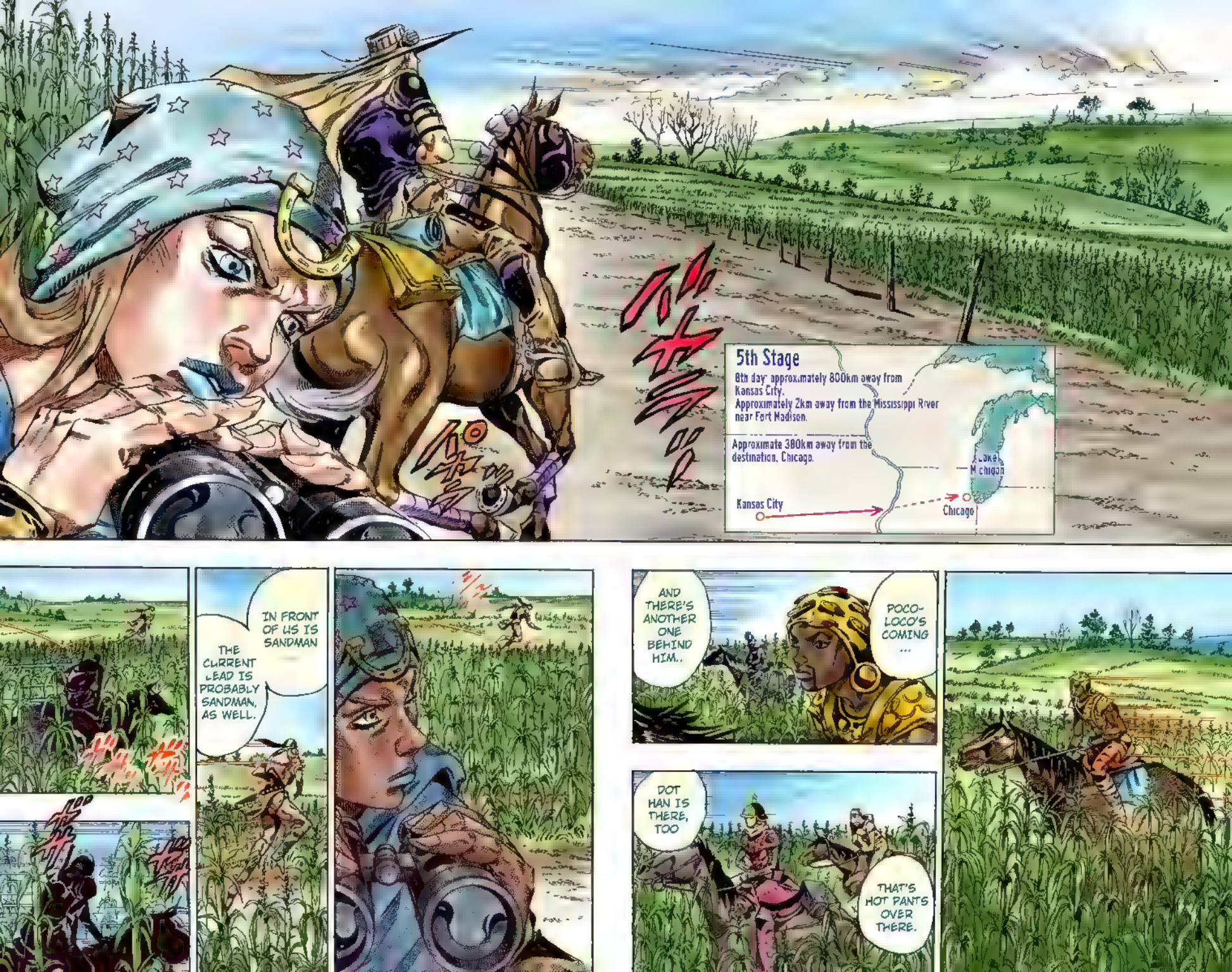
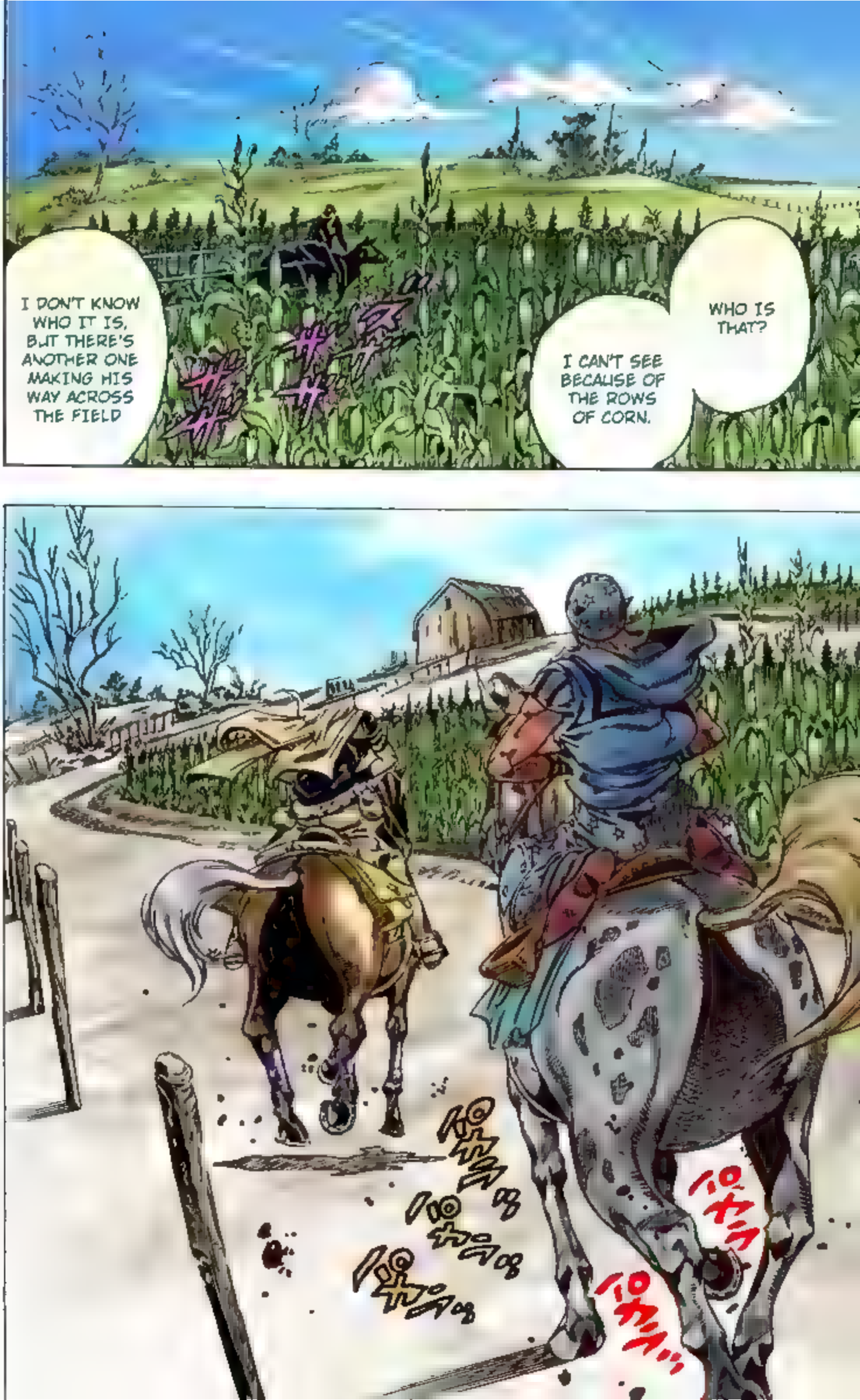
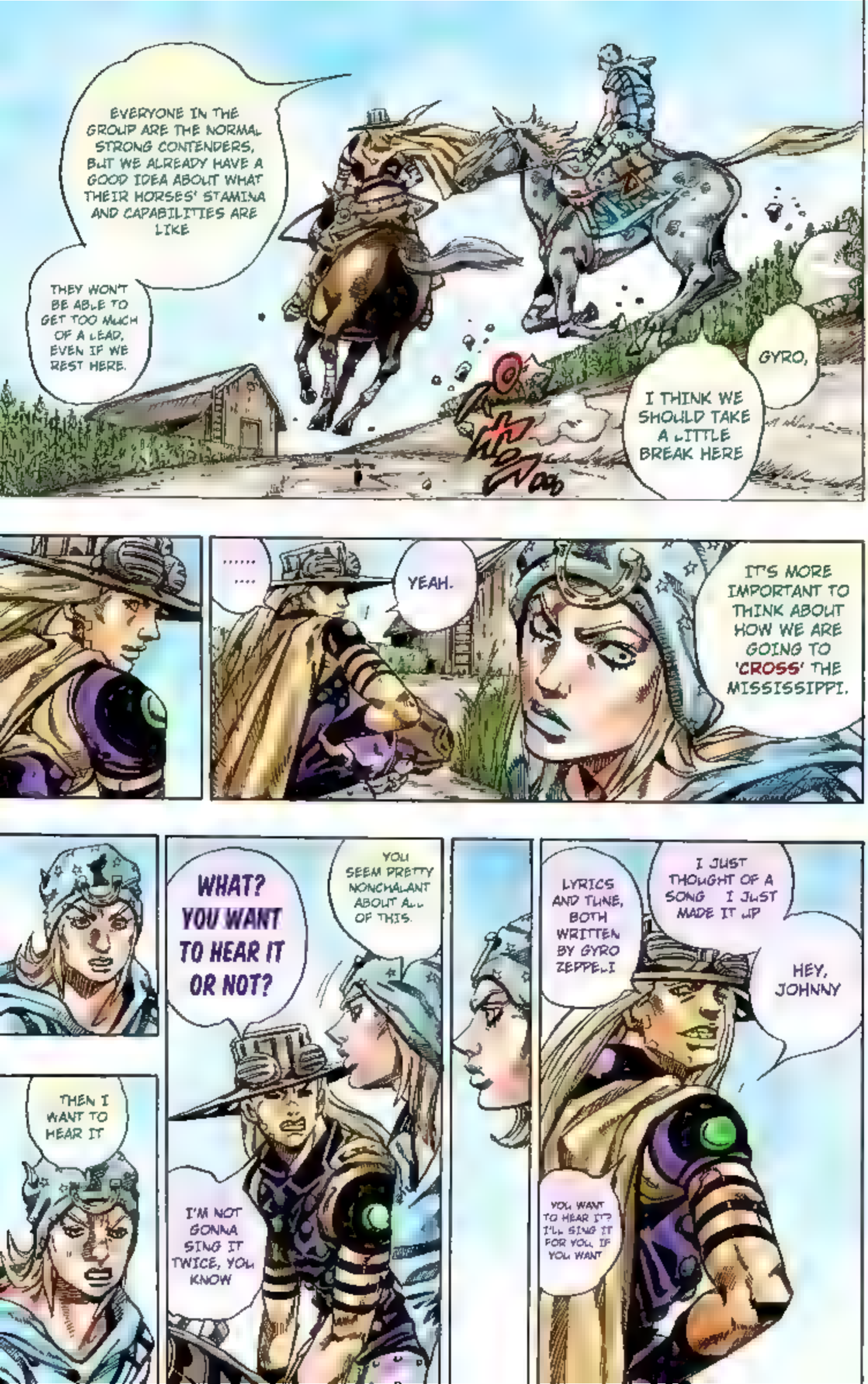
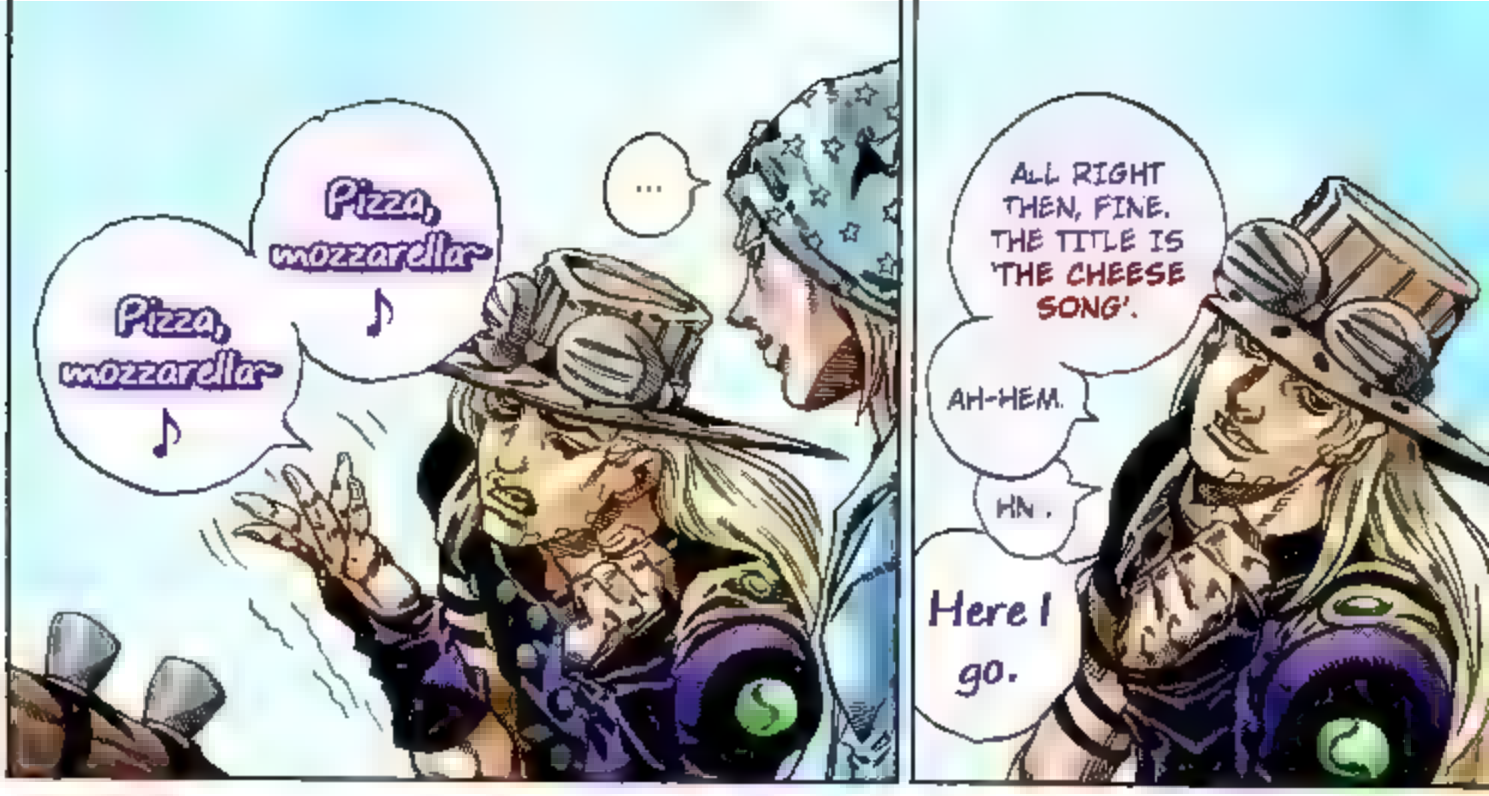
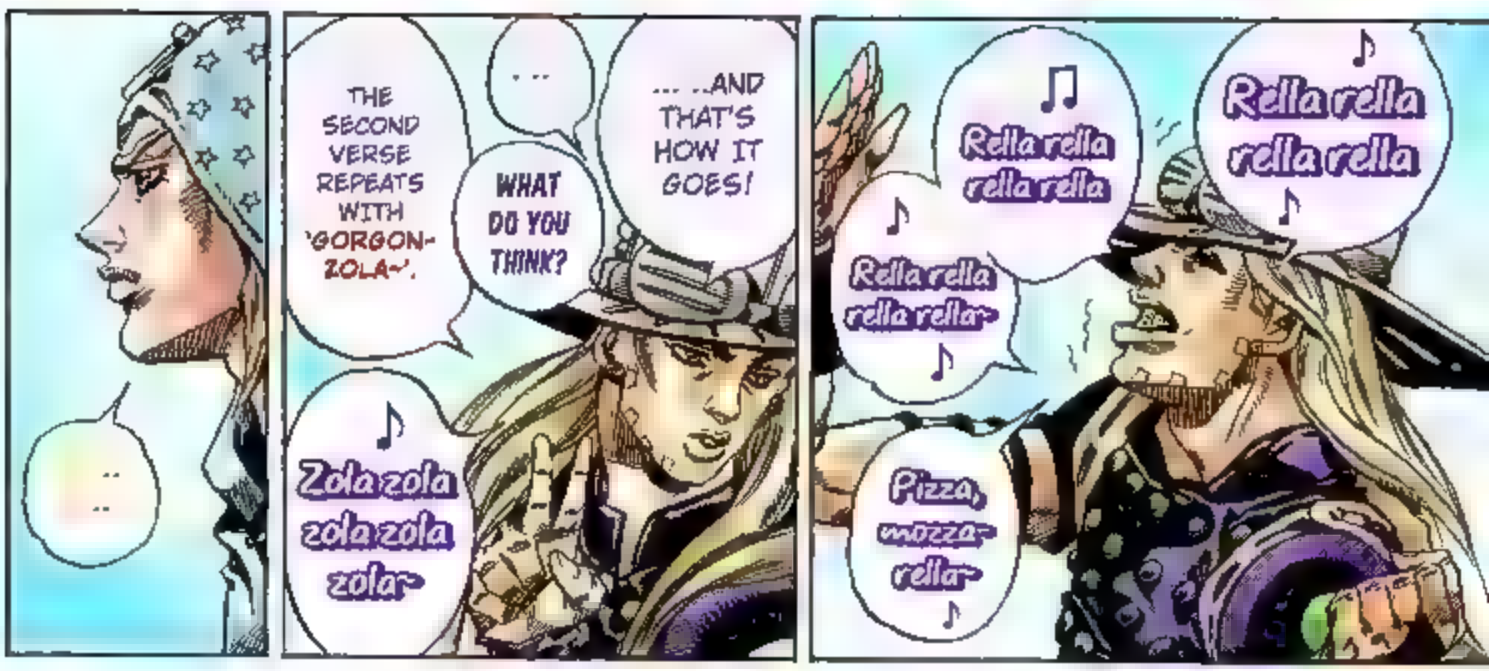
A SILENT WAY PART②


5th Stage
8th day approximately 800km away from Kansas City.
Approximately 2km away from the Mississippi River near Fort Madison.
Approximate 380km away from the destination, Chicago.
Lake Michigan
Kansas City
Chicago
IN FRONT OF US IS SANDMAN
THE CURRENT LEAD IS PROBABLY SANDMAN, AS WELL.
AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE BEHIND HIM..
POCO-LOCO'S COMING ...
DOT HAN IS THERE, TOO
THAT'S HOT PANTS OVER THERE.


I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT THERE'S ANOTHER ONE MAKING HIS WAY ACROSS THE FIELD
I CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF THE ROWS OF CORN.
WHO IS THAT?


EVERYONE IN THE GROUP ARE THE NORMAL STRONG CONTENDERS, BUT WE ALREADY HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT WHAT THEIR HORSES' STAMINA AND CAPABILITIES ARE LIKE
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TOO MUCH OF A LEAD, EVEN IF WE REST HERE.
GYRO,
I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE BREAK HERE
.....
....
YEAH.
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO 'CROSS' THE MISSISSIPPI.
YOU SEEM PRETTY NONCHALANT ABOUT ALL OF THIS.
WHAT? YOU WANT TO HEAR IT OR NOT?
I'M NOT GONNA SING IT TWICE, YOU KNOW
THEN I WANT TO HEAR IT
I JUST THOUGHT OF A SONG I JUST MADE IT UP
LYRICS AND TUNE, BOTH WRITTEN BY GYRO ZEPPELI
HEY, JOHNNY
YOU WANT TO HEAR IT? I'LL SING IT FOR YOU, IF YOU WANT


Pizza, mozzarella~ ♪
Pizza, mozzarella~ ♪
...
ALL RIGHT THEN, FINE. THE TITLE IS 'THE CHEESE SONG'.
AH-HEM.
HN.
Here I go.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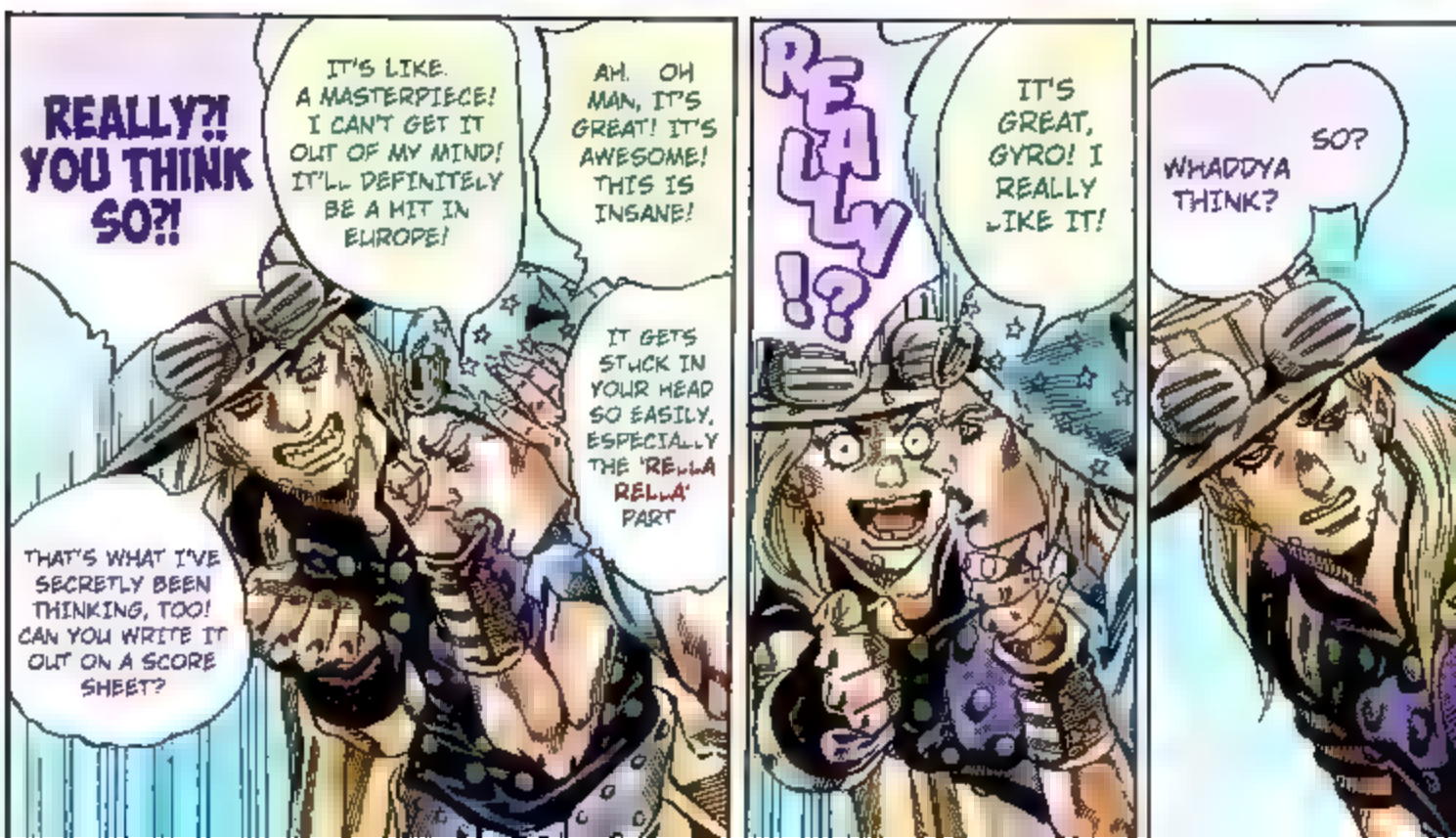
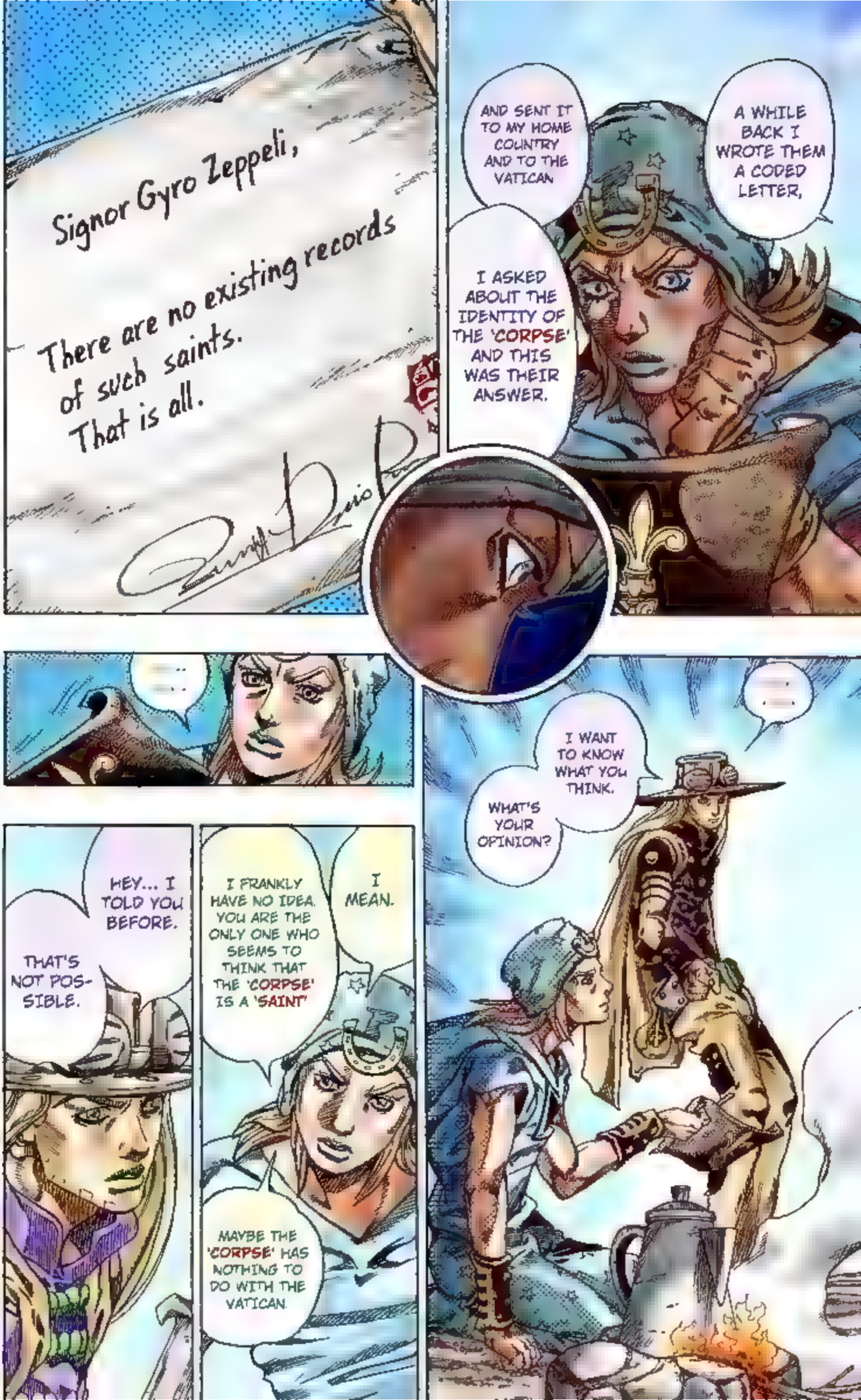
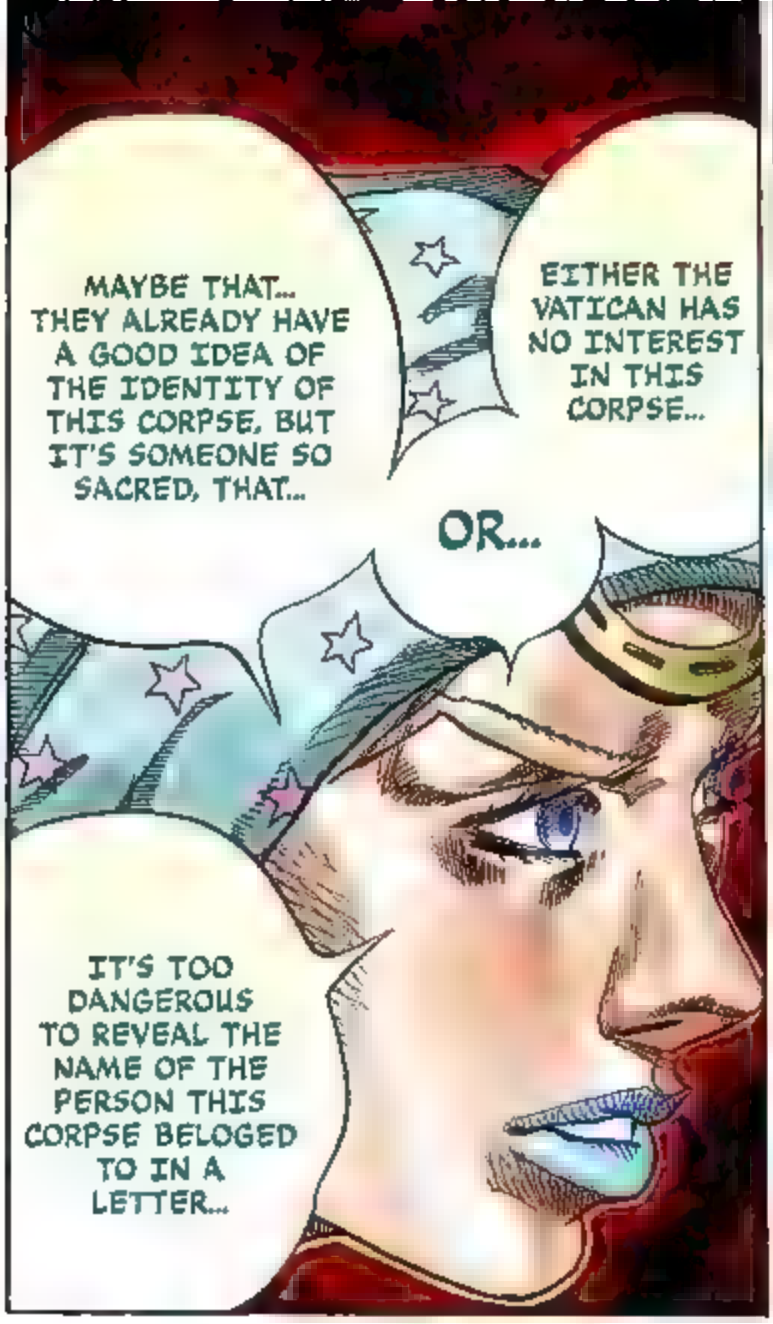
THE SECOND VERSE REPEATS WITH 'GORGON-ZOLA~'.
...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
... ..AND THAT'S HOW IT GOES!
♪ Zola zola zola zola zola~
♫ Rella rella rella rella
♪ Rella rella rella rella~
♪ Rella rella rella rella
♪ Pizza, mozza- rella~ ♪

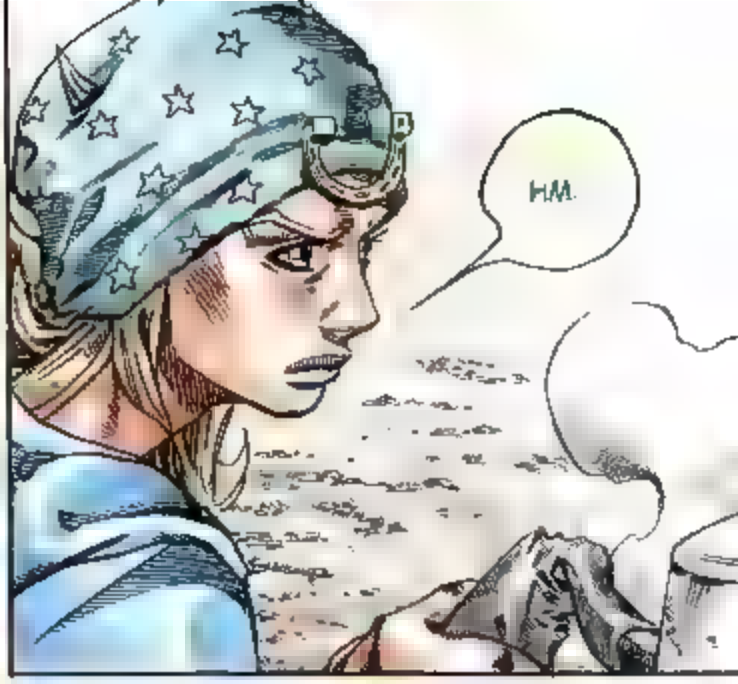

REALLY?! YOU THINK SO?!
IT'S LIKE A MASTERPIECE! I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND! IT'LL DEFINITELY BE A HIT IN EUROPE!
AH. OH MAN, IT'S GREAT! IT'S AWESOME! THIS IS INSANE!
IT GETS STUCK IN YOUR HEAD SO EASILY, ESPECIALLY THE 'RELLA RELLA' PART
THAT'S WHAT I'VE SECRETLY BEEN THINKING, TOO! CAN YOU WRITE IT OUT ON A SCORE SHEET?
REALLY!?
IT'S GREAT, GYRO! I REALLY LIKE IT!
WHADDYA THINK?
SO?

BY THE WAY... THIS TOO, JOHNNY.
I RECEIVED THIS 'LETTER' WHEN WE WERE PASSING THE HALFWAY POINT BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO


Signor Gyro Zeppeli,
There are no existing records of such saints.
That is all.
A WHILE BACK I WROTE THEM A CODED LETTER,
AND SENT IT TO MY HOME COUNTRY AND TO THE VATICAN
I ASKED ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE 'CORPSE' AND THIS WAS THEIR ANSWER.
...
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.
WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?
HEY... I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE.
I FRANKLY HAVE NO IDEA. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO SEEMS TO THINK THAT THE 'CORPSE' IS A 'SAINT'
I MEAN.
MAYBE THE 'CORPSE' HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE VATICAN.

.. IT HAS TO BE A 'SAINT'! IT'S NECESSARY FOR THE CORPSE PARTS TO BE THOSE OF A 'SAINT'.
AND THAT'S WHY THE PRESIDENT IS OUT SEARCHING FOR THESE PARTS PERSONALLY.
IN THE CORE OF EVERYONE WHO SEARCHES FOR 'TRUE POWER' IS THE NEED TO BE 'REVERED'.
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT OBTAINING AN 'ABILITY' OR A 'TALENT'!
BOIL
BOIL
BOIL
WHY ISN'T THE VATICAN ASKING ME ANY QUESTIONS?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WEIRD?
THEY ONLY WROTE 'ONE SENTENCE' IN THIS WHOLE LETTER.
BUT, ISN'T THIS WEIRD?
LIKE, "ZEPPELI, ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION OF SAID CORPSE?", OR...
"SHOW US", TO PROVE THAT I HAVE IT
THEY'RE NOT ASKING FOR DETAILS THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHERING ME.
I STILL DON'T GET IT.
SO, IN SUMMARY WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT PISSES ME OFF! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, EITHER!
DAMN IT!


MAYBE THAT... THEY ALREADY HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF THE IDENTITY OF THIS CORPSE, BUT IT'S SOMEONE SO SACRED, THAT...
EITHER THE VATICAN HAS NO INTEREST IN THIS CORPSE...
OR...
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO REVEAL THE NAME OF THE PERSON THIS CORPSE BELOGED TO IN A LETTER...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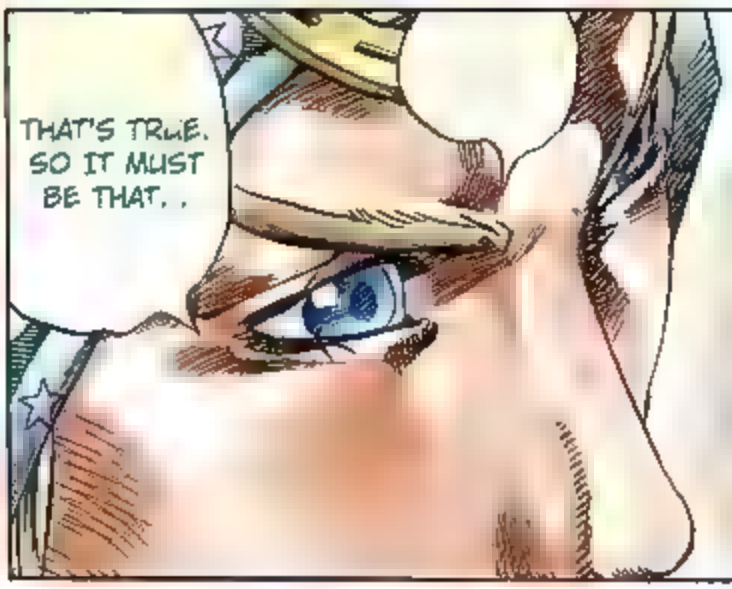
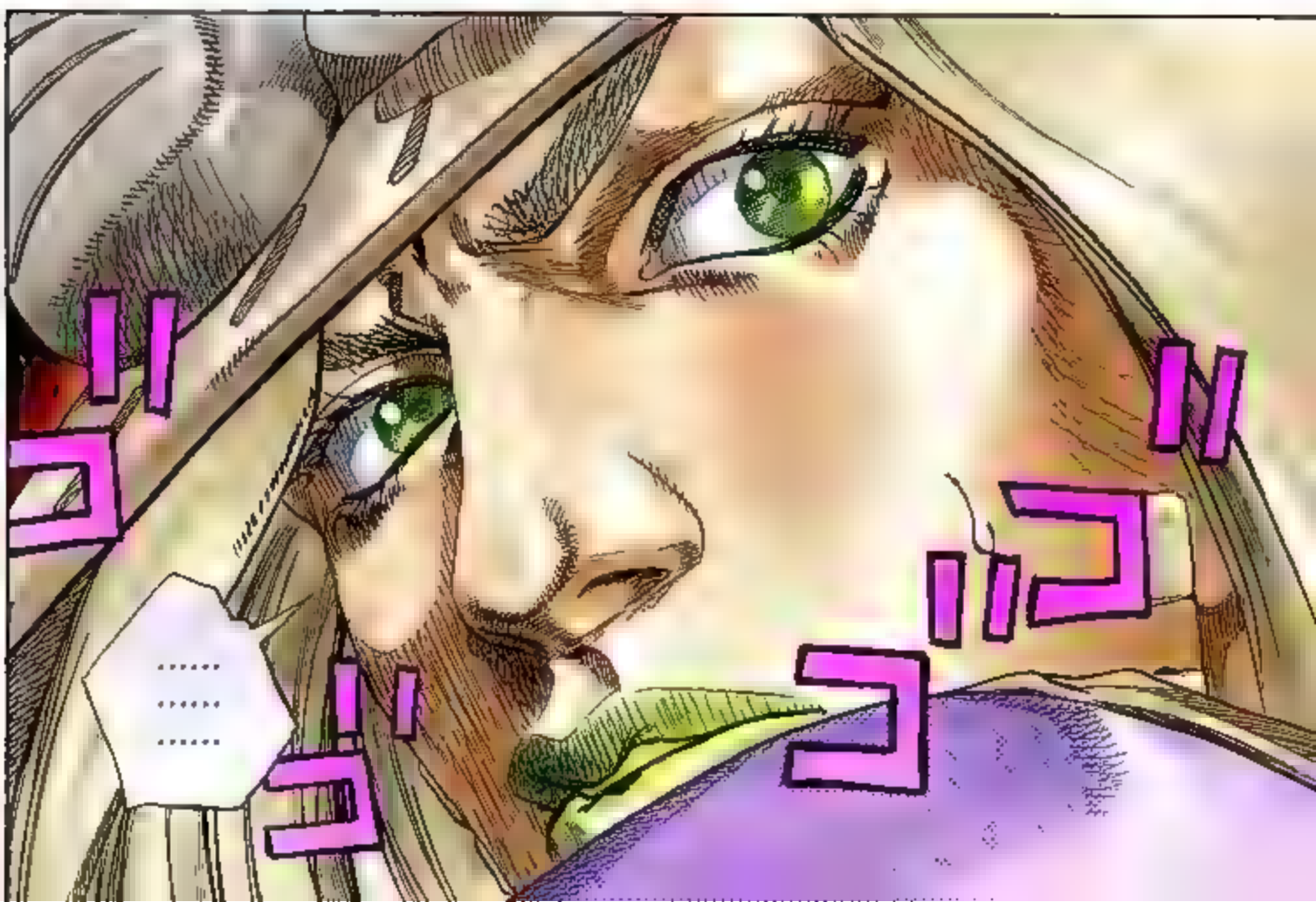

THAT'S TRUE. SO IT MUST BE THAT. .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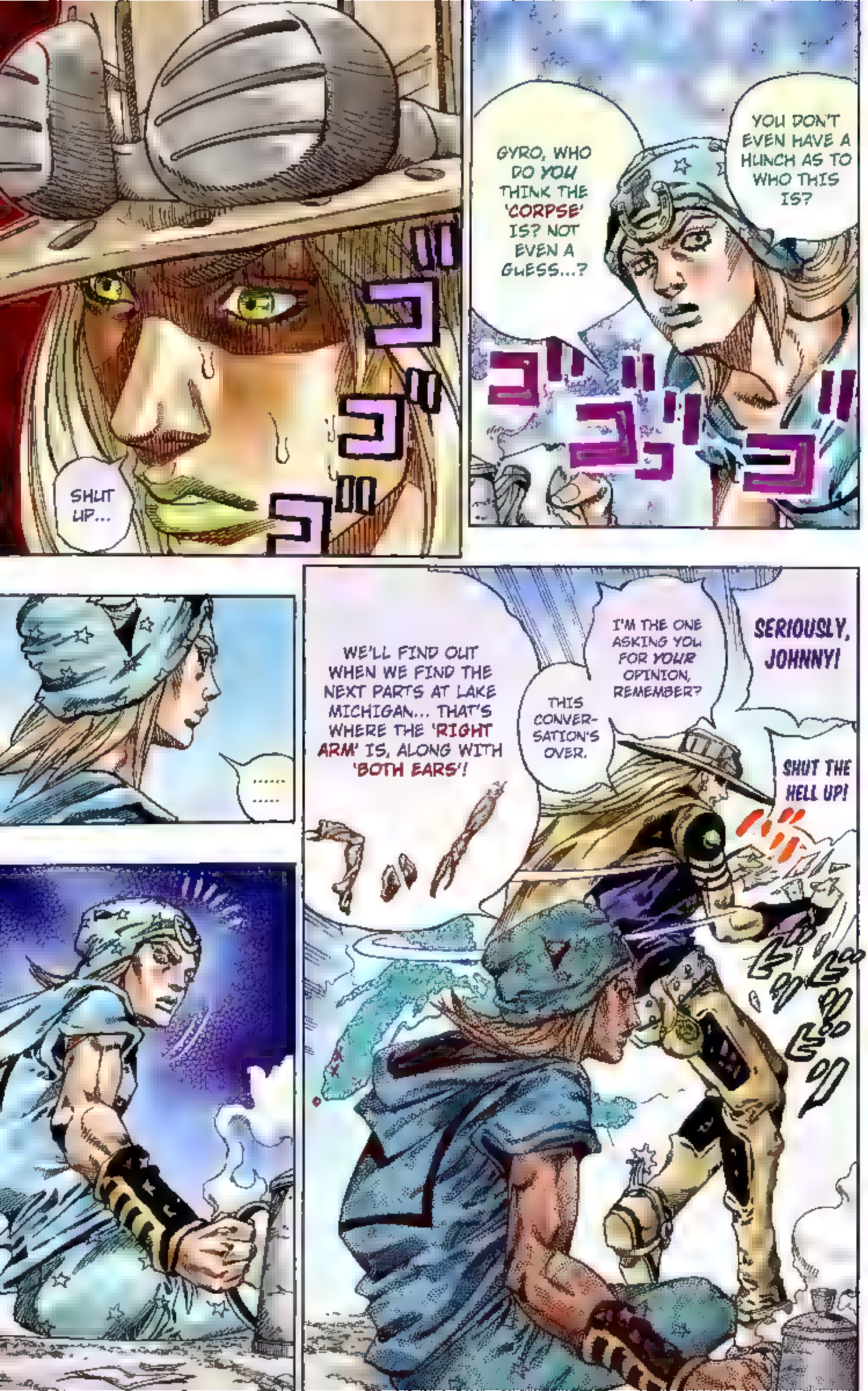
SHUT UP...
GYRO, WHO DO YOU THINK THE 'CORPSE' IS? NOT EVEN A GUESS...?
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A HUNCH AS TO WHO THIS IS?
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WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE FIND THE NEXT PARTS AT LAKE MICHIGAN... THAT'S WHERE THE 'RIGHT ARM' IS, ALONG WITH 'BOTH EARS'!
THIS CONVERSATION'S OVER.
I'M THE ONE ASKING YOU FOR YOUR OPINION, REMEMBER?
SERIOUSLY, JOHNNY!
SHUT THE HELL UP!

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OW!
AGHH!
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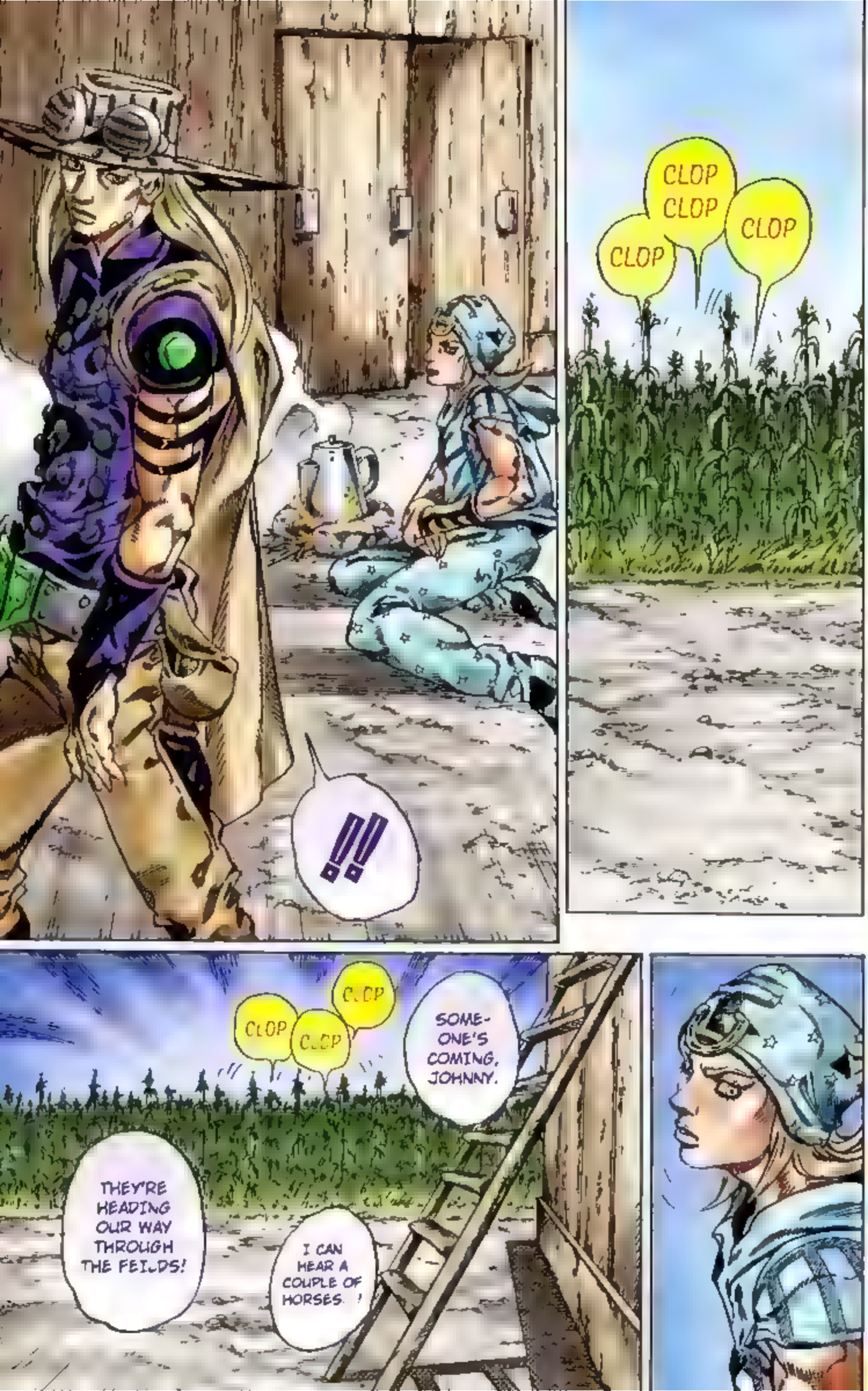
A TOWEL ...?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SOME-ONE'S COMING, JOHNNY.
I CAN HEAR A COUPLE OF HORSES.
THEY'RE HEADING OUR WAY THROUGH THE FEILDS!

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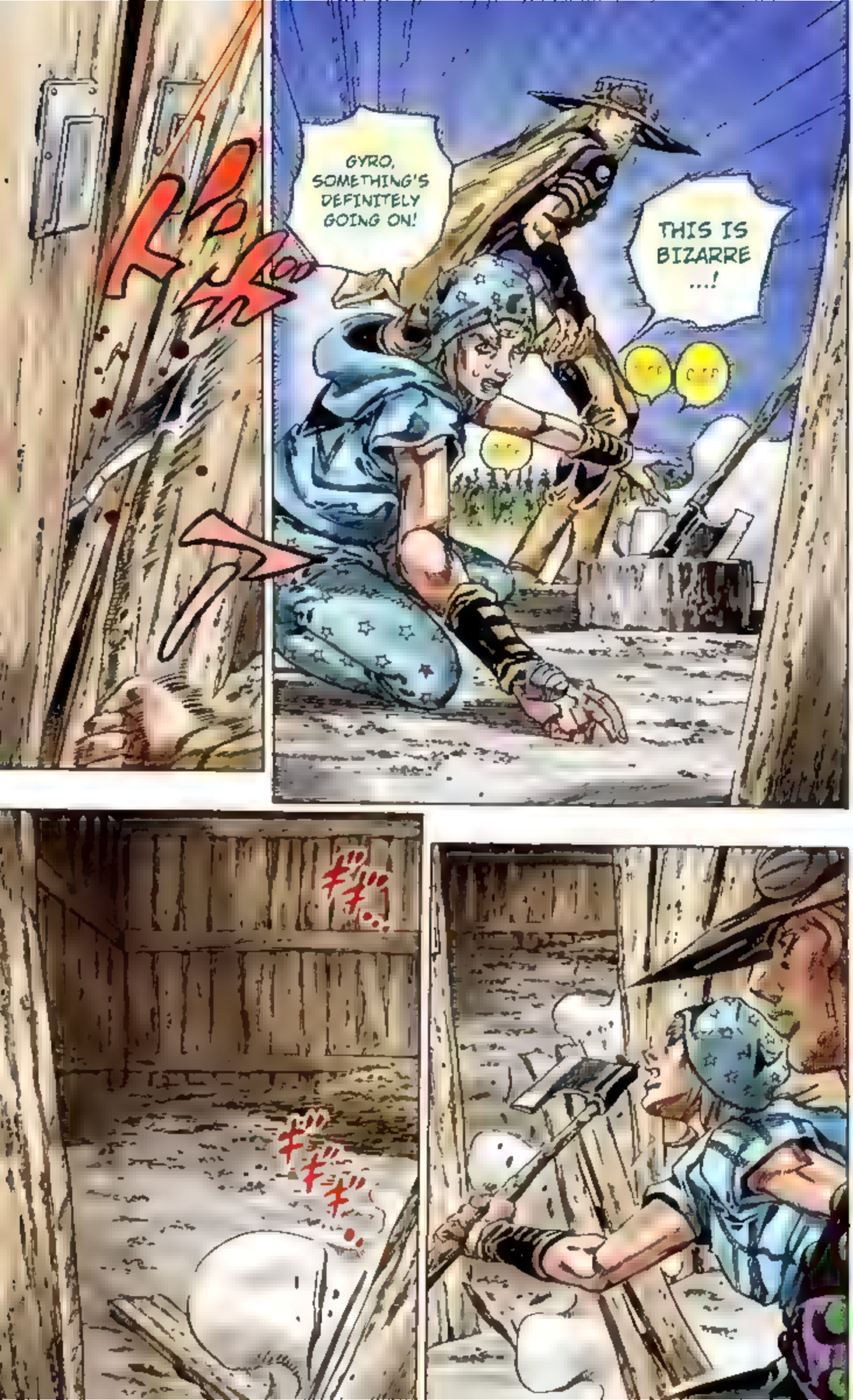
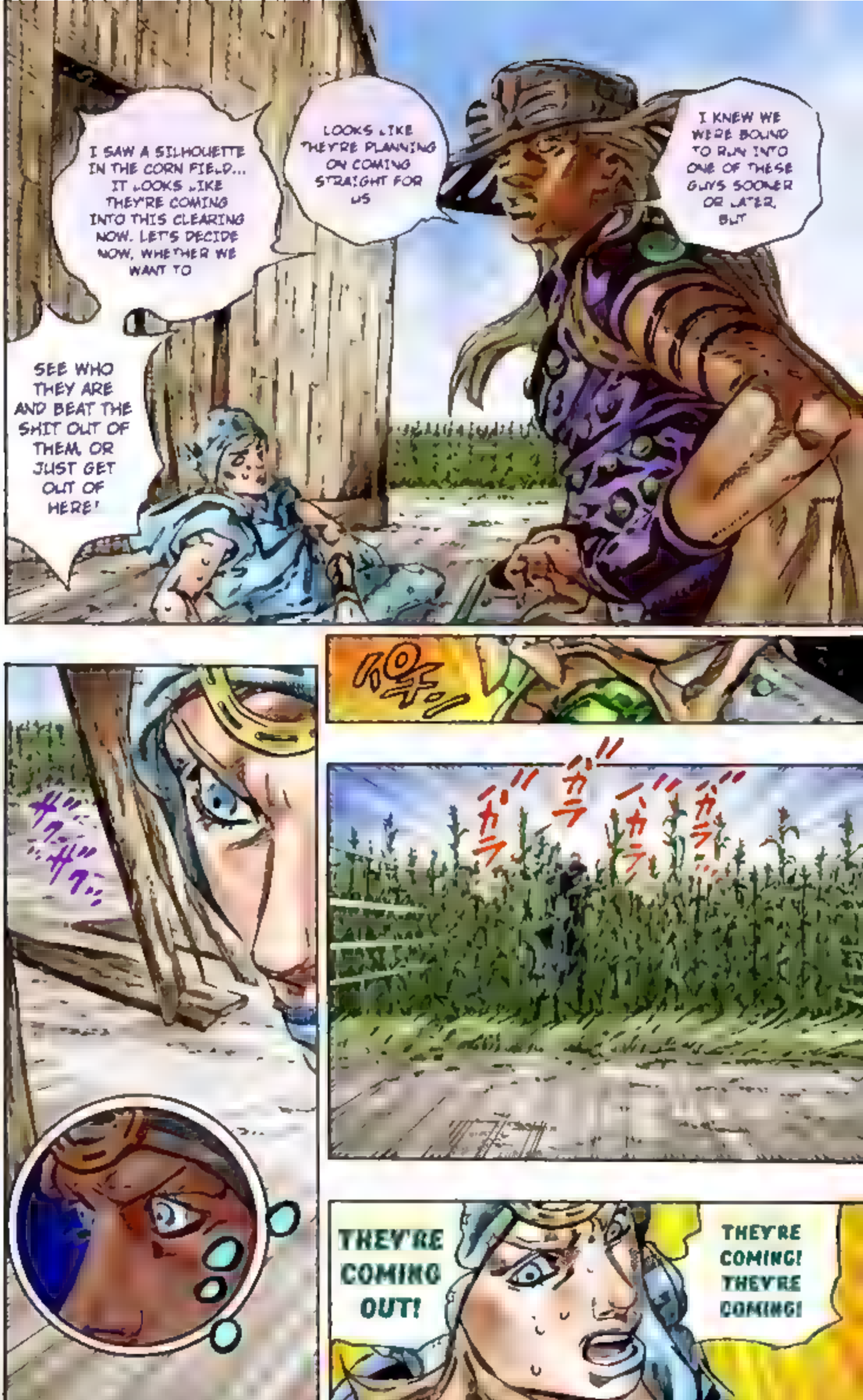
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
GYRO
I CAN HEAR SOMETHING INSIDE THE COTTAGE ..!
SOMETHING'S BEHIND THAT DOOR! I CAN HEAR IT!
I JUST CHECKED THE BARN A MOMENT AGO. THERE'S NO ONE IN THERE.


GYRO, SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY GOING ON!
THIS IS BIZARRE ...!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. WHO THE HELL COULD BE APPROACHING US, ANYWAY?
IF YOU SAY THAT SOMETHING'S UP, SOMETHING MUST BE UP.
I DEFINITELY HEARD SOMETHING
WHAT WAS THAT ?
GET ON YOUR HORSE, RIGHT NOW.
JOHNNY,
DON'T CLIMB THAT LADDER! GYRO, DON'T TOUCH IT!

AN AXE.
THIS AXE...
DON'T TOUCH THAT LADDER. !

CLOP
CLOP
I ALSO USED MY TOWEL TO HOLD THE HANDLE OF MY POT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT IT'S AN ENEMY THEME. IF YOU TOUCH ANYTHING YOU'LL BE ATTACKED!
I JUST USED THAT AXE TO OPEN THE BARN DOOR
JUST DON'T ...!
D... DON'T TOUCH THIS BARN, EITHER!
DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING GYRO! THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE US TOUCH SOMETHING!


I SAW A SILHOUETTE IN THE CORN FIELD... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE COMING INTO THIS CLEARING NOW. LET'S DECIDE NOW, WHETHER WE WANT TO
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING ON COMING STRAIGHT FOR US
I KNEW WE WERE BOUND TO RUN INTO ONE OF THESE GUYS SOONER OR LATER, BUT
SEE WHO THEY ARE AND BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF THEM, OR JUST GET OUT OF HERE!
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THEY'RE COMING OUT!
THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING!

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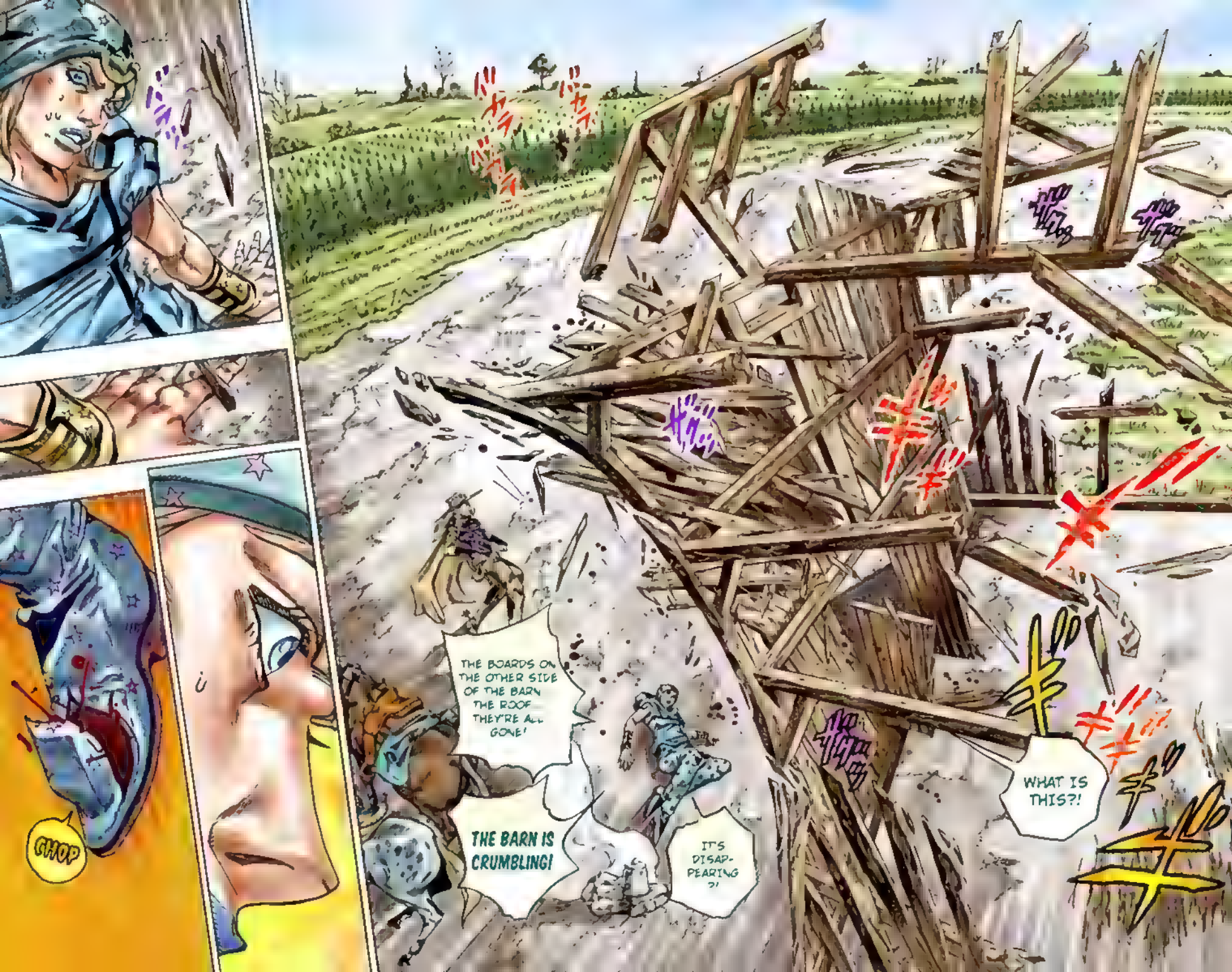
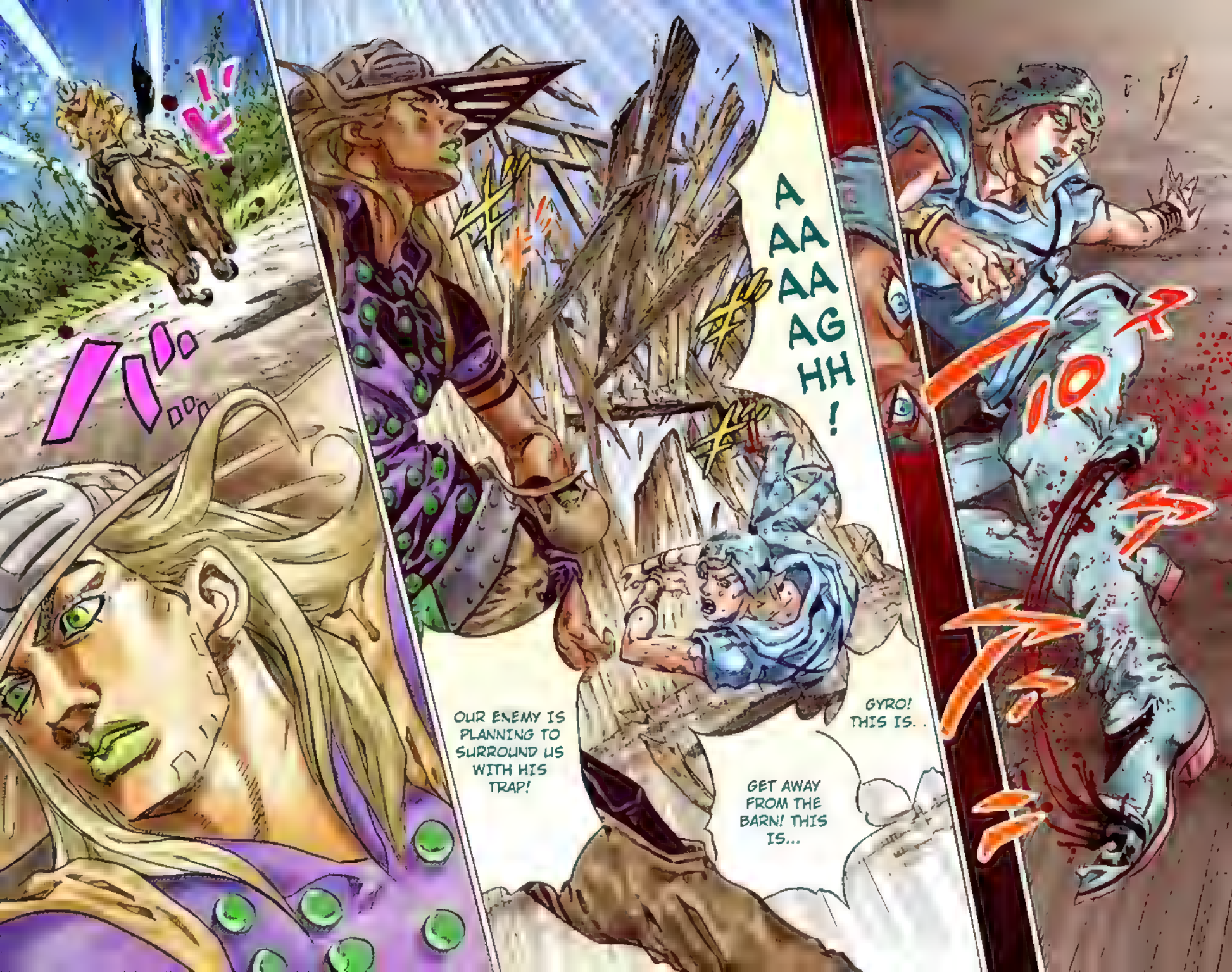
WHAT IS THIS ?! GYRO. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG!
THIS BEHIND THAT DOOR
TH... THIS BARN ...!


CHOP
THE BOARDS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARN THE ROOF THEY'RE ALL GONE!
THE BARN IS CRUMBLING!
IT'S DISAP-PEARING ?!
WHAT IS THIS?!


AAAAAGHH!
OUR ENEMY IS PLANNING TO SURROUND US WITH HIS TRAP!
GYRO! THIS IS. .
GET AWAY FROM THE BARN! THIS IS...

OUR ENEMY IS 'DOT HAN'!
'DOT HAN'!
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WHAT THE...?!
SOMETHING JUST RAN OUT OF THE FIELDS, TOO.
WHAT THE HELL ARE THOSE? AND I CAN HEAR THE SOUND OF HOOVES COMING FROM THEM.

GO!
DOT HAV!
LISTEN HERE!
I'M ONLY GOING TO WARN YOU ONCE! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
DAMN IT! THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS TO DO AT ONCE!
GYRO WE NEED TO GET OUR HUMANS AN' OURSELVES AWAY FROM THIS DAMN MOM!
HE'S USING THE FACT THAT I CAN'T WALK TO HIS ADVANTAGE!

AAAAGH!!
AAAAGH!!
AAAAGH!!
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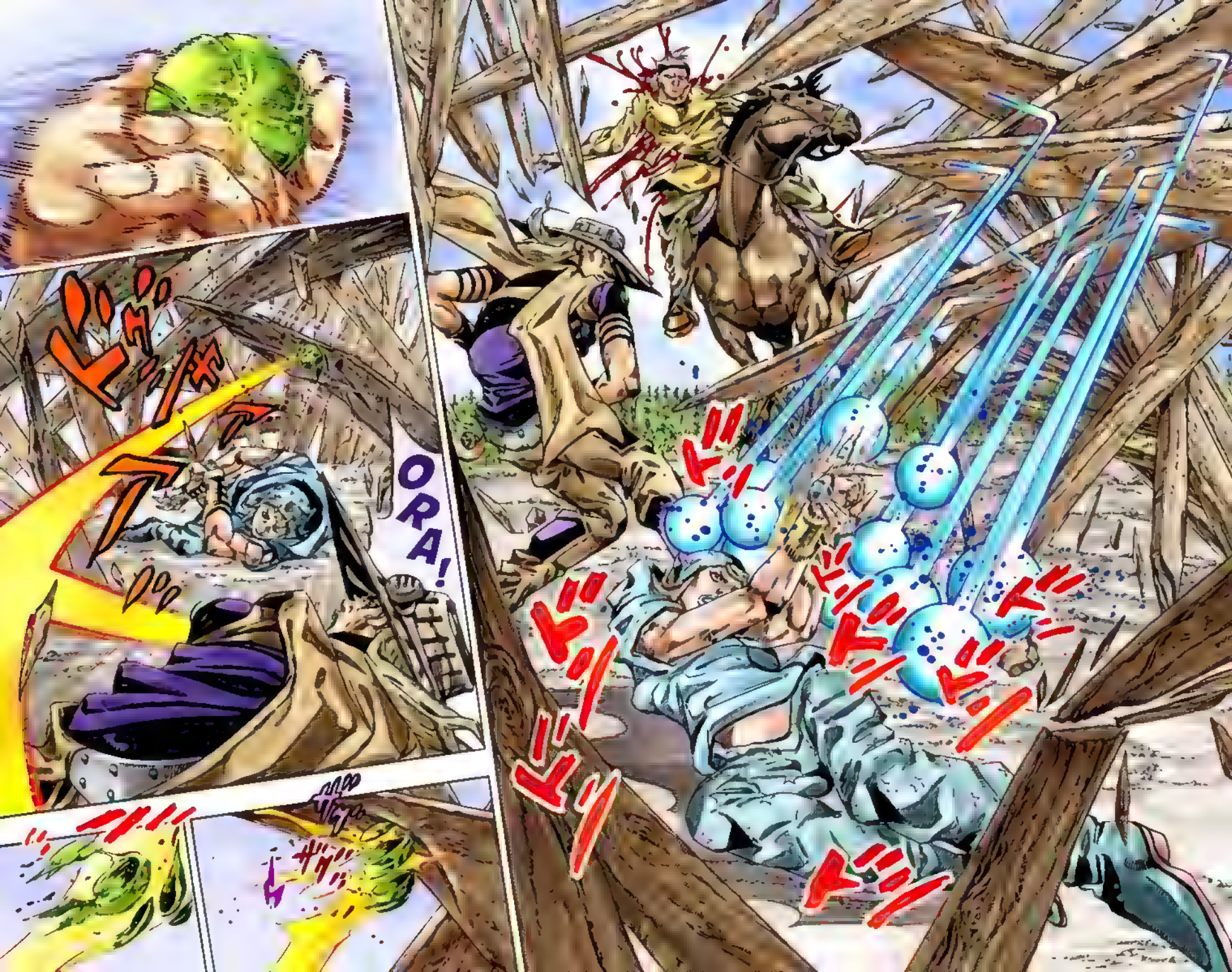
WHAAAT?
AGHH'
HELP...
ME...
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT THE...?
THE 'STEEL BALL' ...?!
WHAT?
IMPOSSIBLE WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

HELP ME...!
GYRO! HE'S GOING TO PLOW INTO US!
THE 'ENEMY' ISN'T PLANNING TO TRAP US HE'S ALREADY GOT US SURROUNDED! SO THAT WE CAN'T ESCAPE!
WE'VE ALREADY FALLEN INTO HIS TRAP!
HE'S JUST LIKE THAT 'BARN'! IF WE TOUCH HIM OR HIS HORSE, WE'LL BE DESTROYED!
DOT HAN ISN'T THE 'ENEMY' HE'S JUST BEING USED AS A 'TOOL' FOR THE REAL ENEMY'S ABILITY !
DAMN IT
THE 'STEEL BALL' WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED...! RIGHT DOWN TO THE 'CORE'
HE DESTROYS WHATEVER TOUCHES HIM ? IS THAT IT ?'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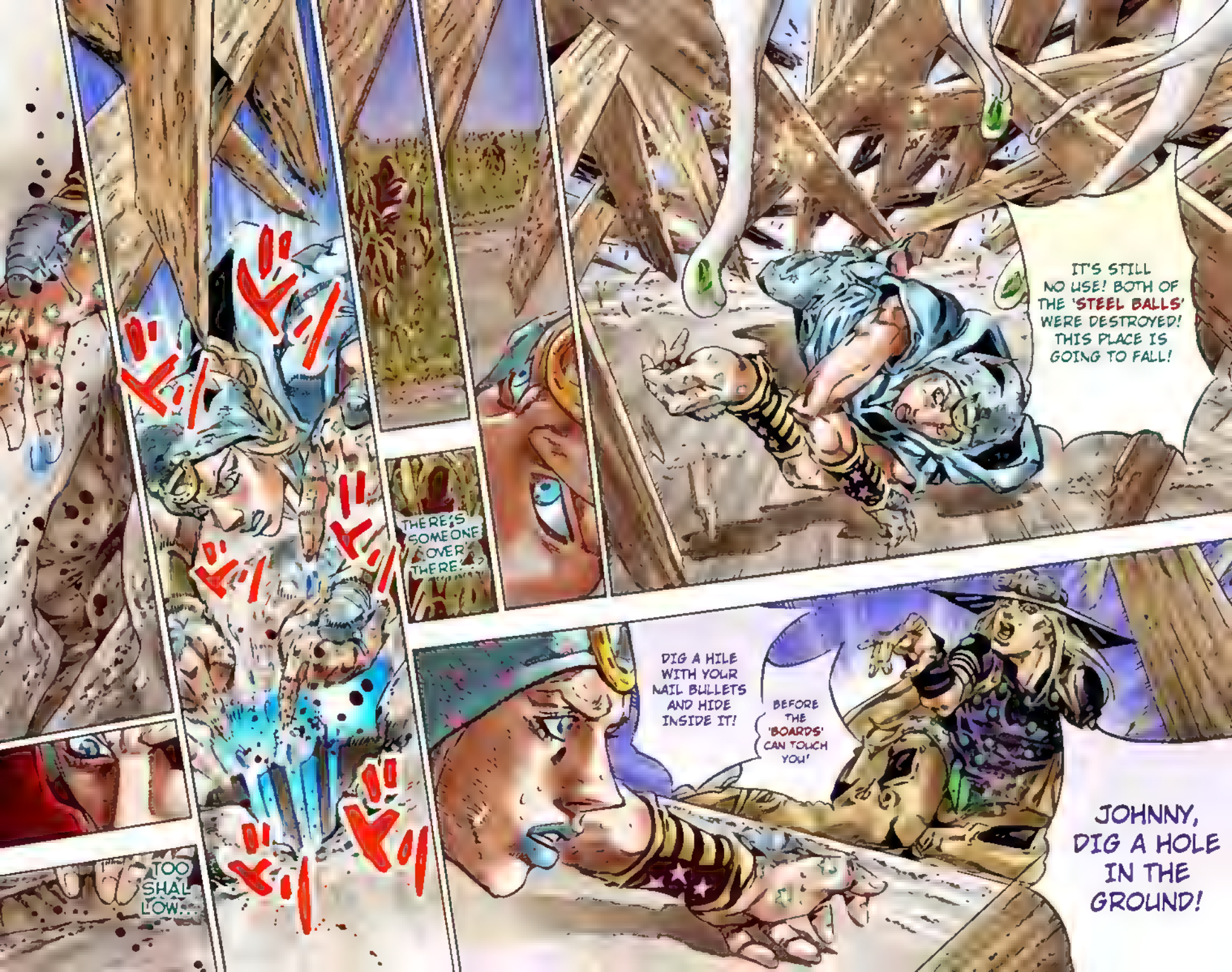
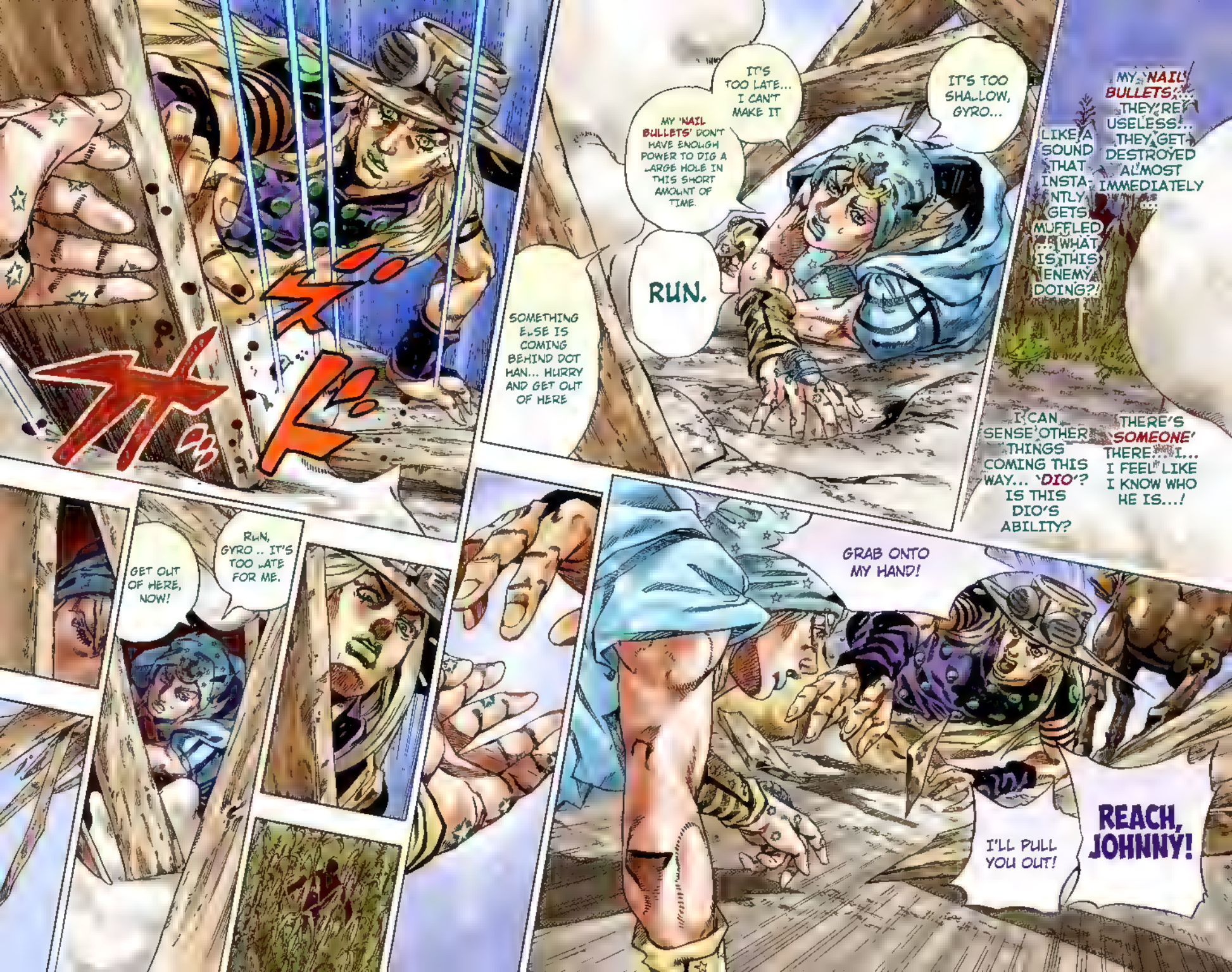

IT'S STILL NO USE! BOTH OF THE 'STEEL BALLS' WERE DESTROYED! THIS PLACE IS GOING TO FALL!
THERE IS SOMEONE OVER THERE...
TOO SHAL LOW...
DIG A HILE WITH YOUR NAIL BULLETS AND HIDE INSIDE IT!
BEFORE THE 'BOARDS' CAN TOUCH YOU!
JOHNNY, DIG A HOLE IN THE GROUND!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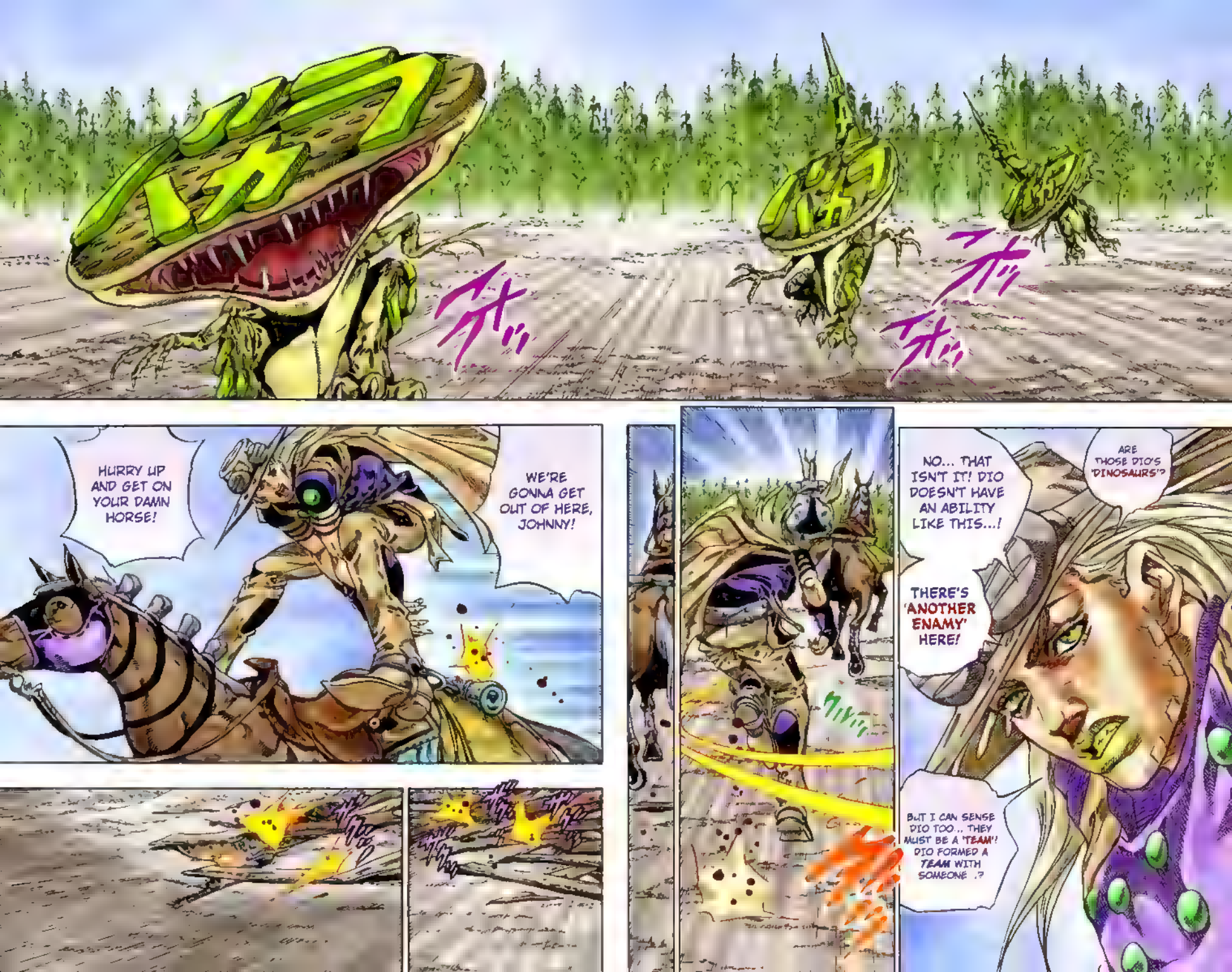
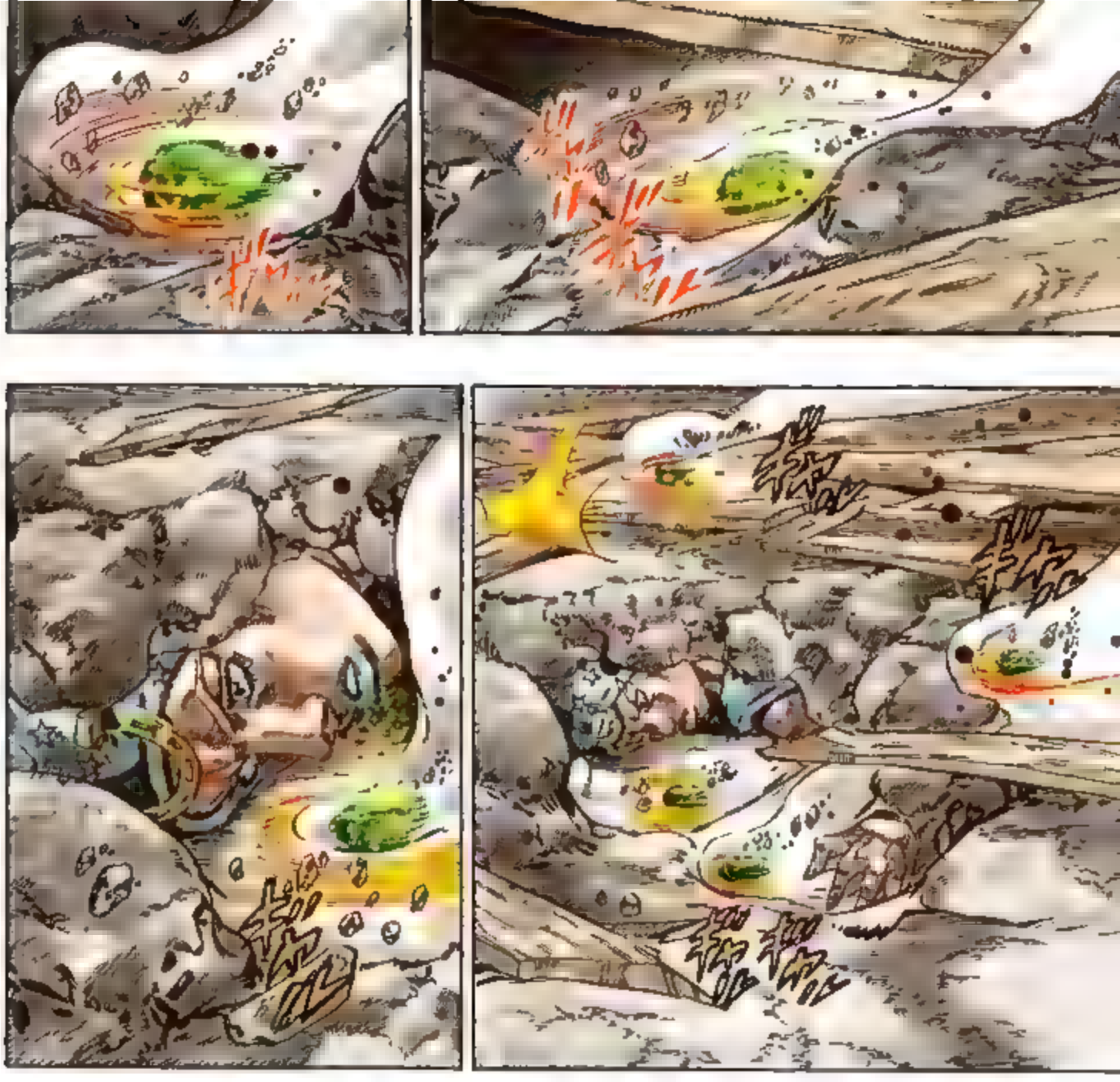
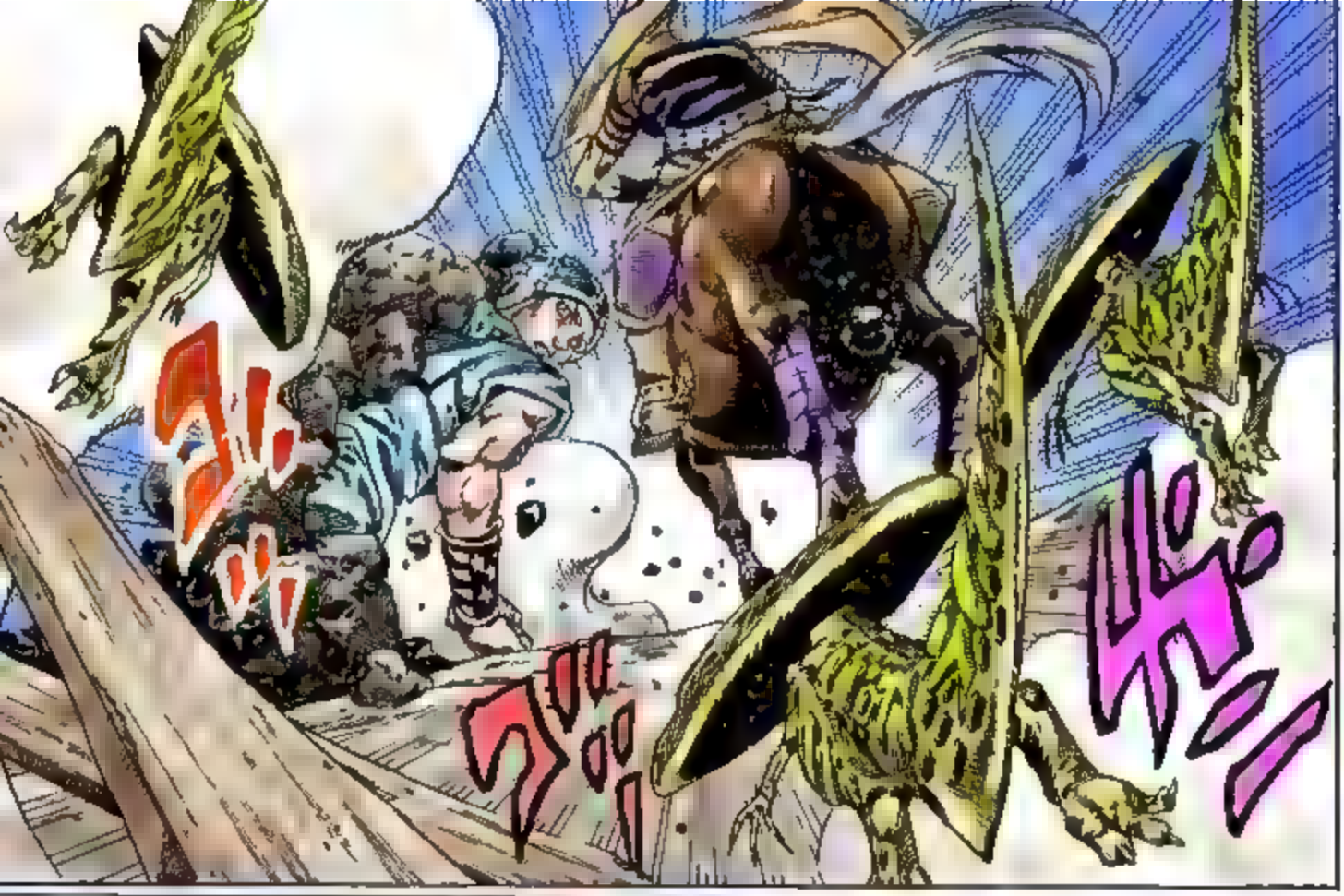
SOMETHING ELSE IS COMING BEHIND DOT HAN... HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE
MY 'NAIL BULLETS' DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO DIG A LARGE HOLE IN THIS SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
IT'S TOO LATE... I CAN'T MAKE IT
RUN.
IT'S TOO SHALLOW, GYRO...
LIKE A SOUND THAT INSTANTLY GETS MUFFLED... WHAT IS THIS ENEMY DOING?!
MY NAIL BULLETS... THEY'RE USELESS... THEY GET DESTROYED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
I CAN SENSE OTHER THINGS COMING THIS WAY... 'DIO'? IS THIS DIO'S ABILITY?
THERE'S SOMEONE THERE... I... I FEEL LIKE I KNOW WHO HE IS...!
GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!
RUN, GYRO .. IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME.
GRAB ONTO MY HAND!
I'LL PULL YOU OUT!
REACH, JOHNNY!


HURRY UP AND GET ON YOUR DAMN HORSE!
WE'RE GONNA GET OUT OF HERE, JOHNNY!
NO... THAT ISN'T IT! DIO DOESN'T HAVE AN ABILITY LIKE THIS...!
ARE THOSE DIO'S 'DINOSAURS'?
THERE'S 'ANOTHER ENAMY' HERE!
BUT I CAN SENSE DIO TOO.. THEY MUST BE A 'TEAM'! DIO FORMED A TEAM WITH SOMEONE .?


EVEN IF THEY'RE IN PIECES, THEY CAN STILL EASILY DIG A HOLE FOR ONE PERSON.
BUT NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE SHOTS.
I HAVE TO RELY ON YOU. WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHO THIS SECOND GUY IS, AND SOON...
EVEN IF THEY ARE BLOWN TO PIECES, MY STEEL BALLS WILL KEEP ON ROTATING. I DUG THE HOLE FOR YOU!
TO JUST GIVE UP LIKE THAT.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU, JOHNNY.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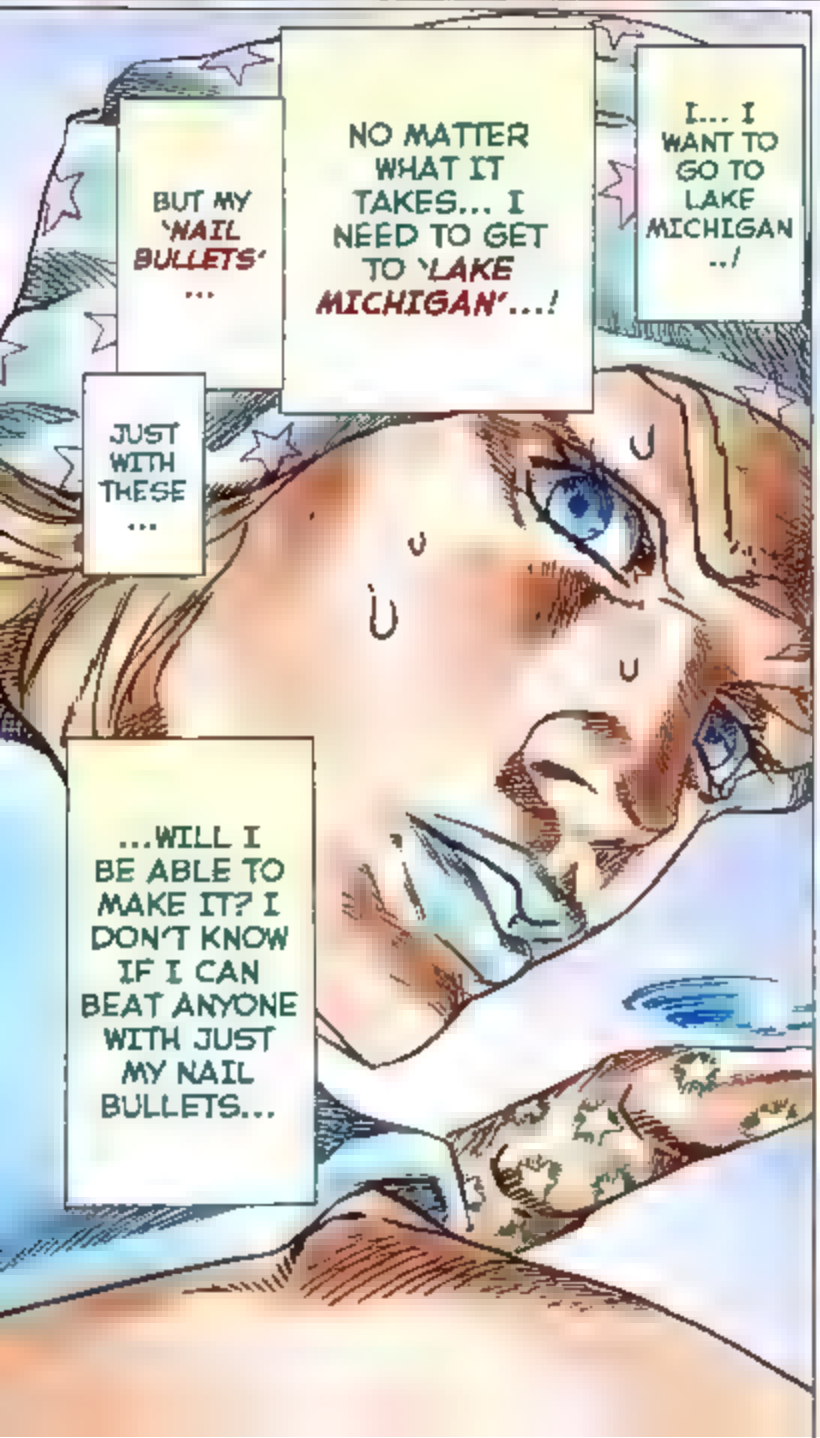
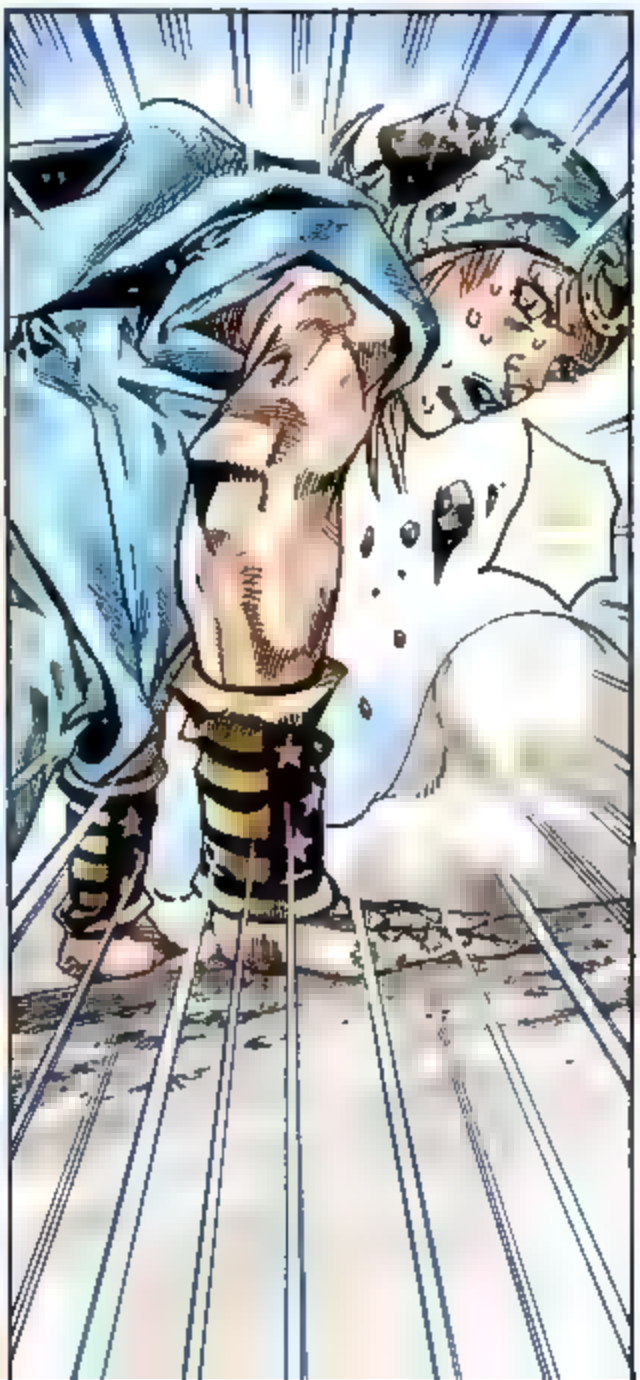

BUT MY 'NAIL BULLETS' ...
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES... I NEED TO GET TO 'LAKE MICHIGAN'...!
I... I WANT TO GO TO LAKE MICHIGAN ../
JUST WITH THESE ...
...WILL I BE ABLE TO MAKE IT? I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN BEAT ANYONE WITH JUST MY NAIL BULLETS...



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LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THEY'RE GOING TO SURROUND US AGAIN!
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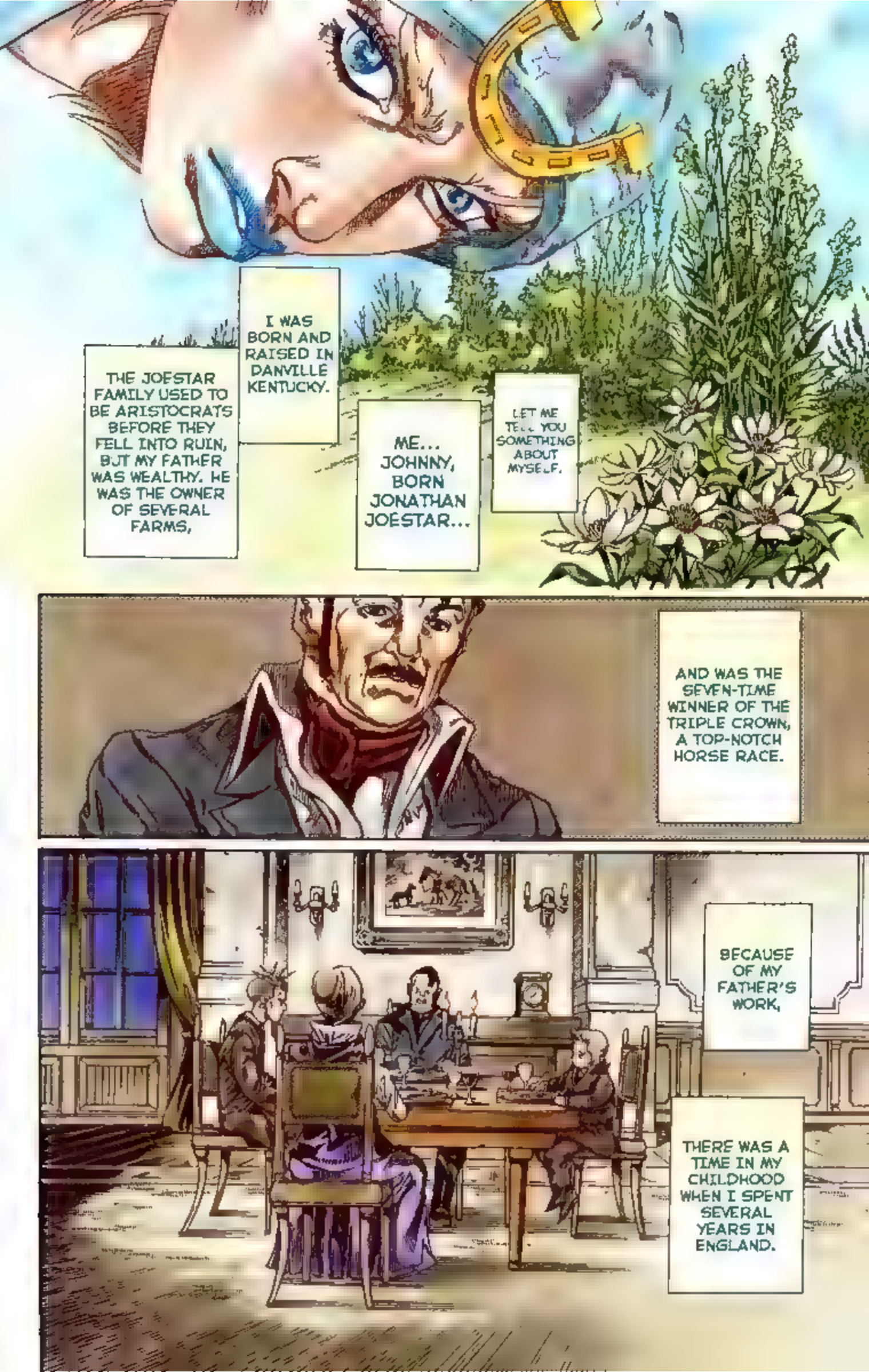
SURROUND... US...
GET ON MY HORSE!
HOLD ON, JOHNNY!


LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF.
ME... JOHNNY, BORN JONATHAN JOESTAR...
I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN DANVILLE KENTUCKY.
THE JOESTAR FAMILY USED TO BE ARISTOCRATS BEFORE THEY FELL INTO RUIN, BUT MY FATHER WAS WEALTHY. HE WAS THE OWNER OF SEVERAL FARMS,
AND WAS THE SEVEN-TIME WINNER OF THE TRIPLE CROWN, A TOP-NOTCH HORSE RACE.
BECAUSE OF MY FATHER'S WORK,
THERE WAS A TIME IN MY CHILDHOOD WHEN I SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN ENGLAND.

RAISE YOUR LEFT HAND.
JONATHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UNDER THE TABLE?
LISTEN, JONATHAN.
NOT LIMITED TO DINING, 'MANNERS' ARE AN INDICATION OF 'REVERENCE' TOWARDS THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.
ENGLISHMEN ESPECIALLY VALUE 'TABLE MANNERS' DO YOU WANT EVERYBODY TO THINK THAT WE ARE A GROUP OF UNEDUCATED, UNCULTURED AMERICAN COUNTRYMEN?

I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO APOLOGIZE, JONATHAN...
I... I WAS JUST...
HE WAS SO CUTE, AND I COULDN'T
I... I'M SORRY, FATHER .
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING IN YOUR POCKET?
SHOW ME!
AH...
I TOLD YOU TO 'SHOW ME'.
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JONATHAN, GO TO YOUR ROOM IMMEDIATELY
DINNER IS OVER.
BUT FIRST YOU MUST DROWN THAT THING IN THE LAKE. UNDERSTOOD...?!
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AH!
BUT.
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. . .
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BUT,
YOU SAID I COULD KEEP HIM...
YOU PROMISED
..

YOU MUST DISPOSE OF IT YOURSELF, DO YOU UNDERSTAND, JONATHAN ?
GO.
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO BROKE OUR PROMISE. I SAID THAT YOU COULD KEEP IT, GRANTED THAT YOU KEEP IT IN A CAGE! ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR?!

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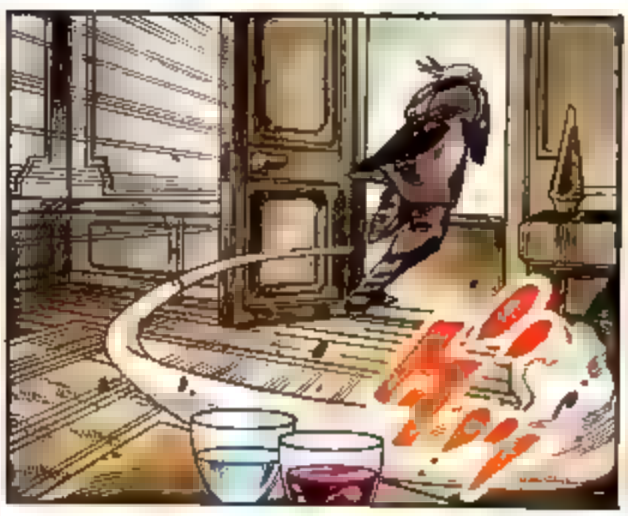

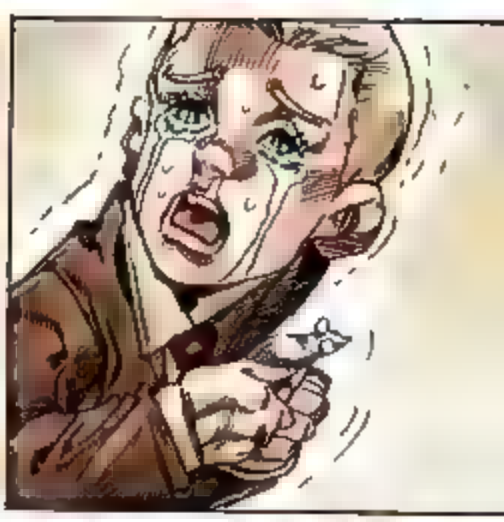

AH.
SNIFF
SNIFF
OH.

ARE YOU GOING TO DROWN IT?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, JOHNNY?
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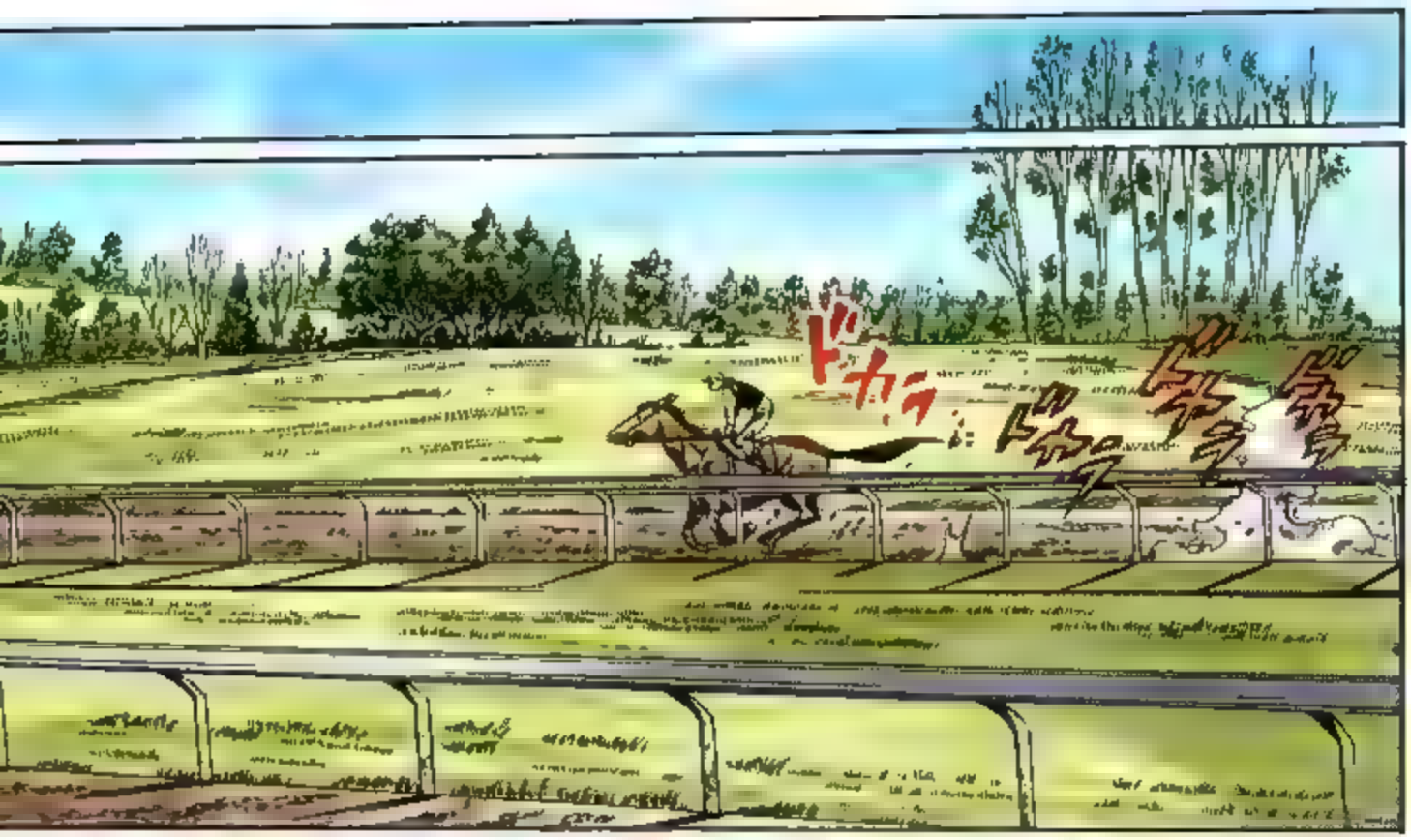
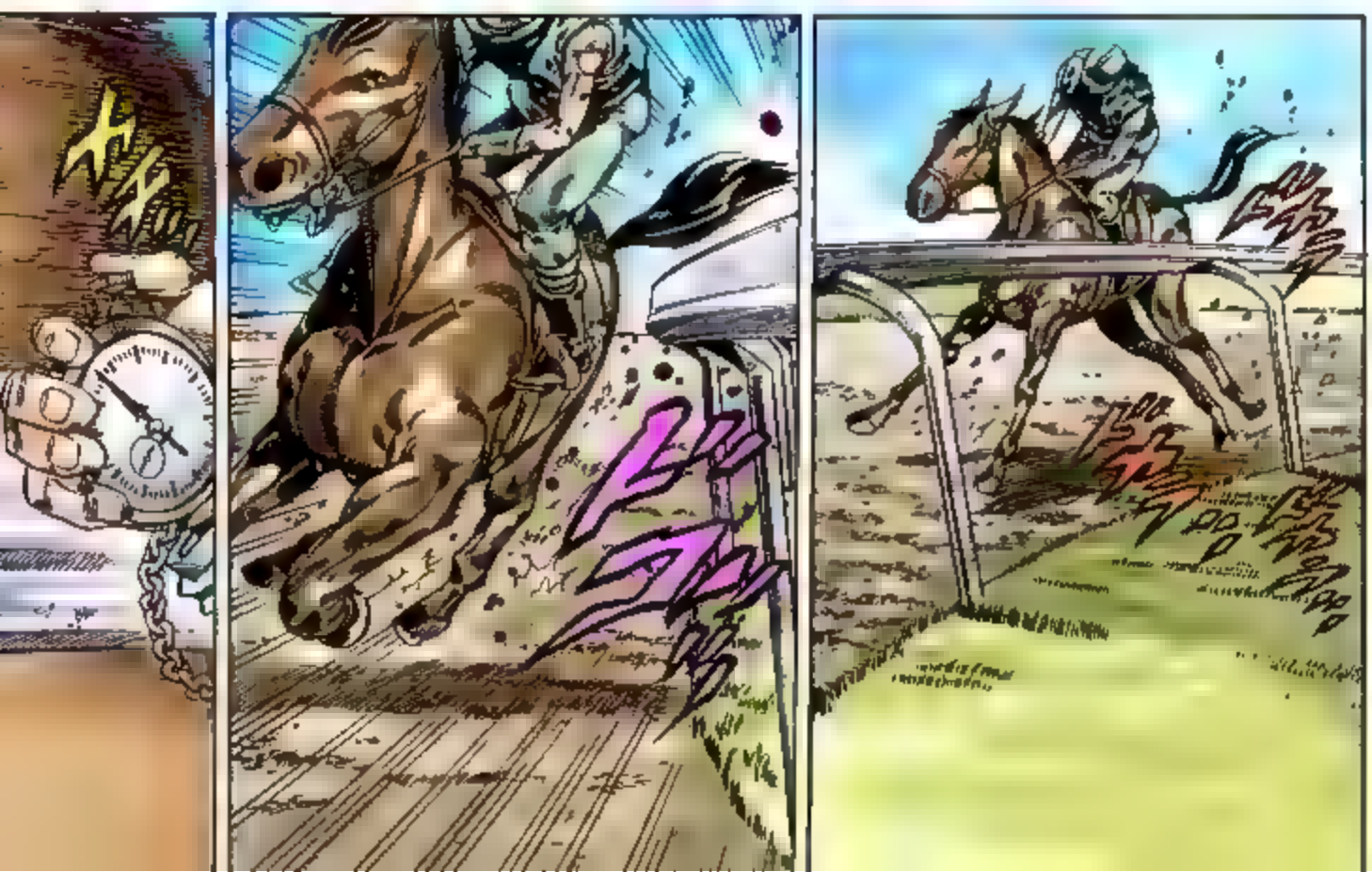
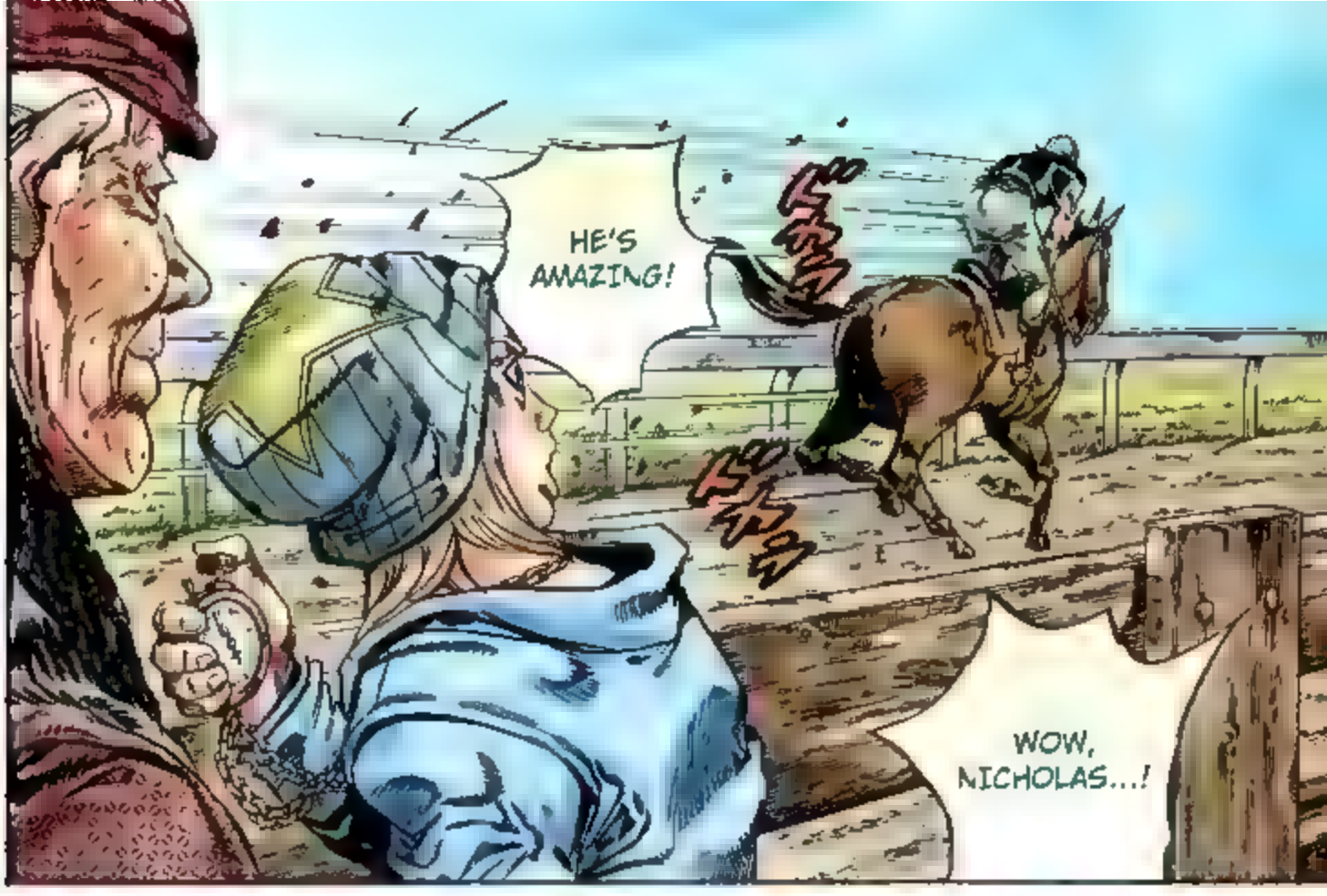
I HAD A BROTHER, 5 YEARS MY ELDER, NAMED NICHOLAS.
BUT ...I CAN'T! I CAN'T DROWN DANNY I CAN'T DO IT ..
IT'S
IT'S ALL MY FAULT
DAD WILL DEFINITELY TELL ME TO GIVE HIM PROOF THAT I DROWNED DANNY ..
I CAN'T
HE'LL DEFINITELY ASK TO SEE HIS 'CORPSE'!
HOW ABOUT WE LET DANNY GO IN THE WOODS?
LISTEN, I HAVE AN IDEA.
YOU CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?
I'M SURE DANNY WILL BE FINE ON HIS OWN, IN THE WOODS
WE CAN'T KEEP THAT MOUSE IN OUR PLACE ANYMORE, JOHNNY
BUT...
OH .
SOB

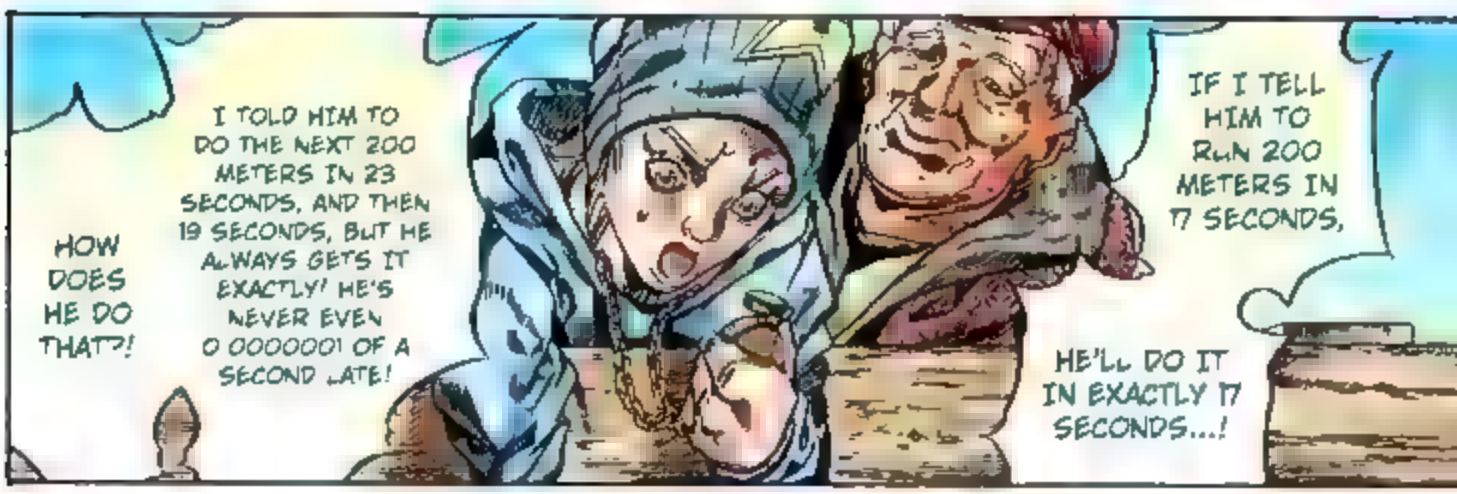
THAT'S EASY ENOUGH!
TOMORROW I'LL ASK MY TEACHER TO LET ME BORROW ONE OF A 'WHITE MOUSE'
IF YOU SHOW THAT DO DAD, HE'LL BELIEVE THAT IT'S DANNY.
YOU KNOW HOW THEY HAVE THOSE STUFFED MICE IN OUR SCHOOL'S SCIENCE ROOMS?
THEY HAVE BIRDS, AND EVEN FOXES TOO.
HA!
HE'D FLIP OUT IF HE CUT IT OPEN AND ALL THE STUFFING CAME OUT!
NICHOLAS. !
THANKS! YOU'RE SO SMART, BIG BRO!
THE TEACHER WILL DEFINITELY GIVE YOU THE MOUSE, TOO BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD STUDENT!
HEH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'D OPEN IT UP TO SEE IF YOU'D ACTUALLY DROWNED IT OR NOT
ACTUALLY HE'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T HE?

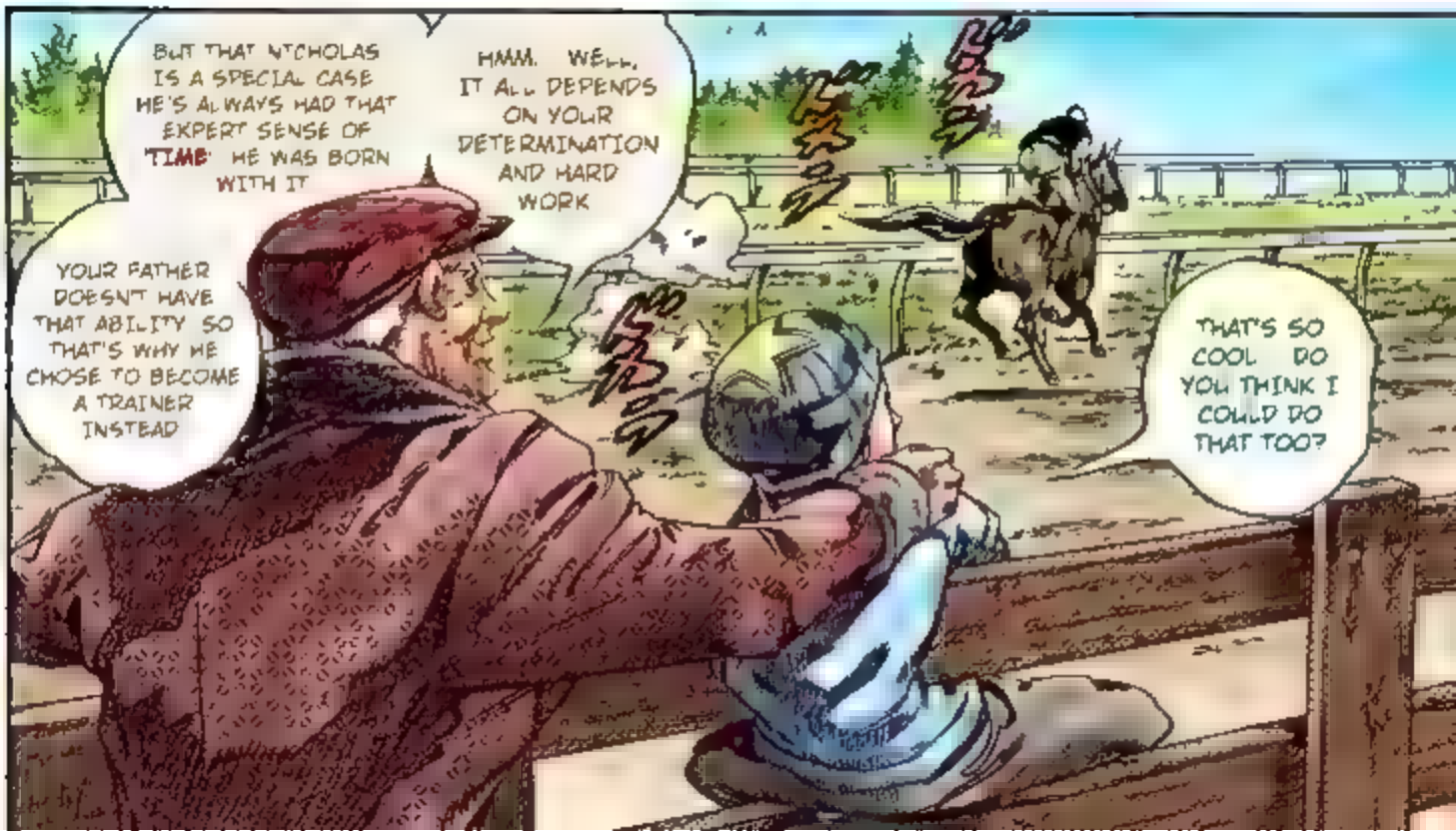
Y. .
YEAH.
BUT, JOHNNY... CAN YOU REALLY LET DANNY GO?

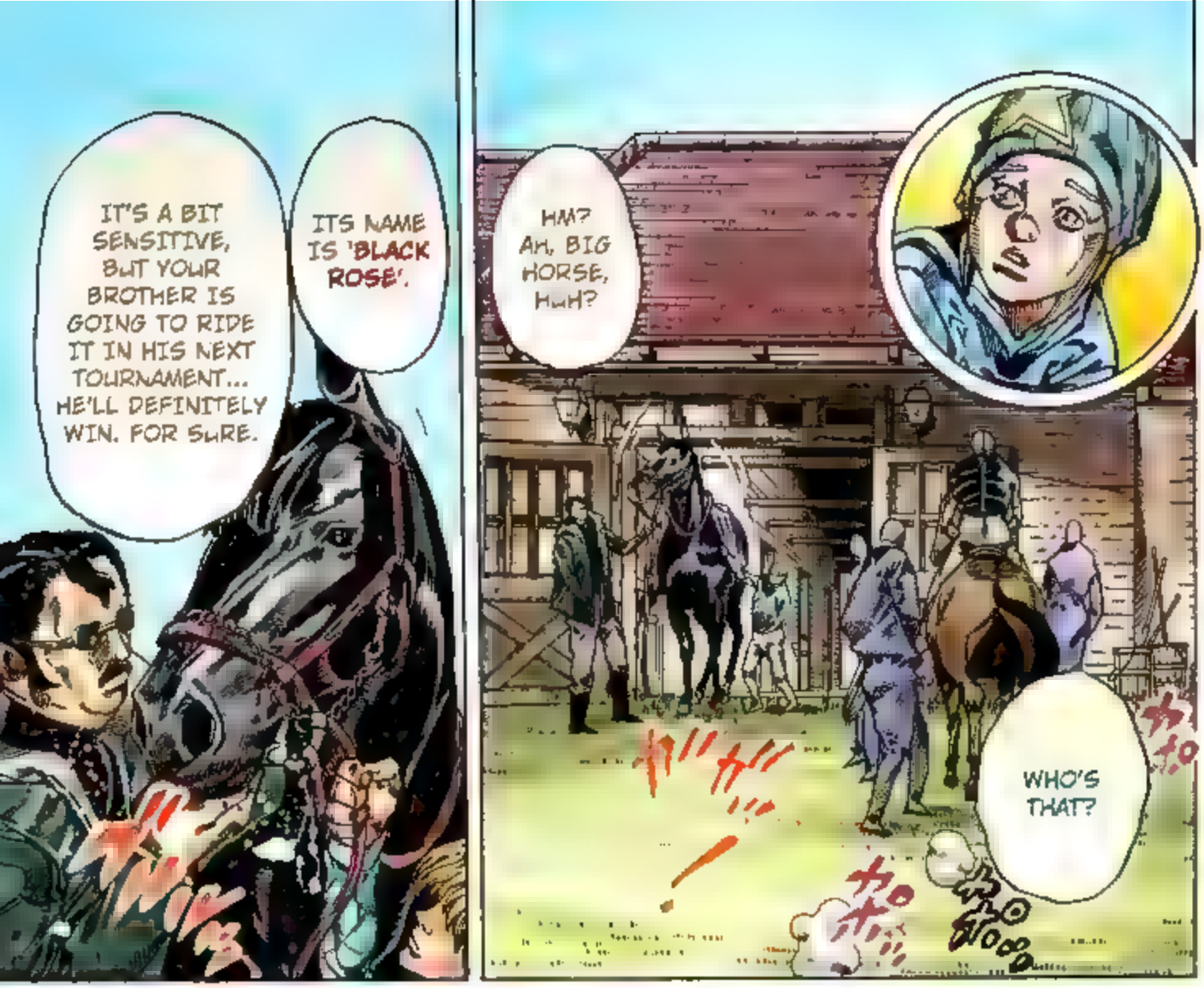


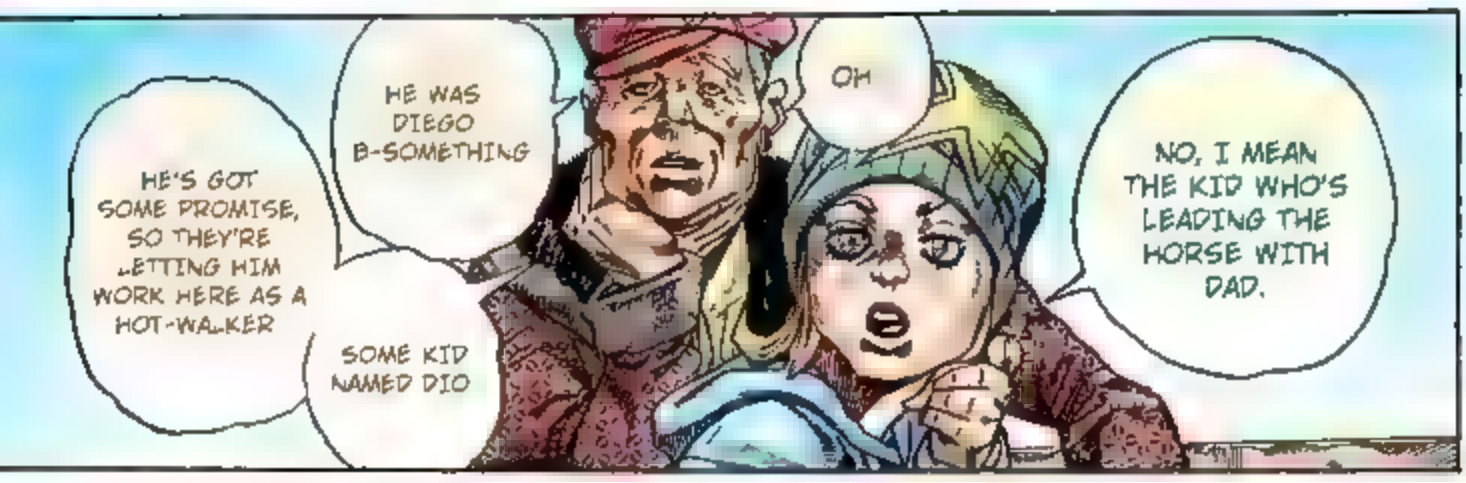


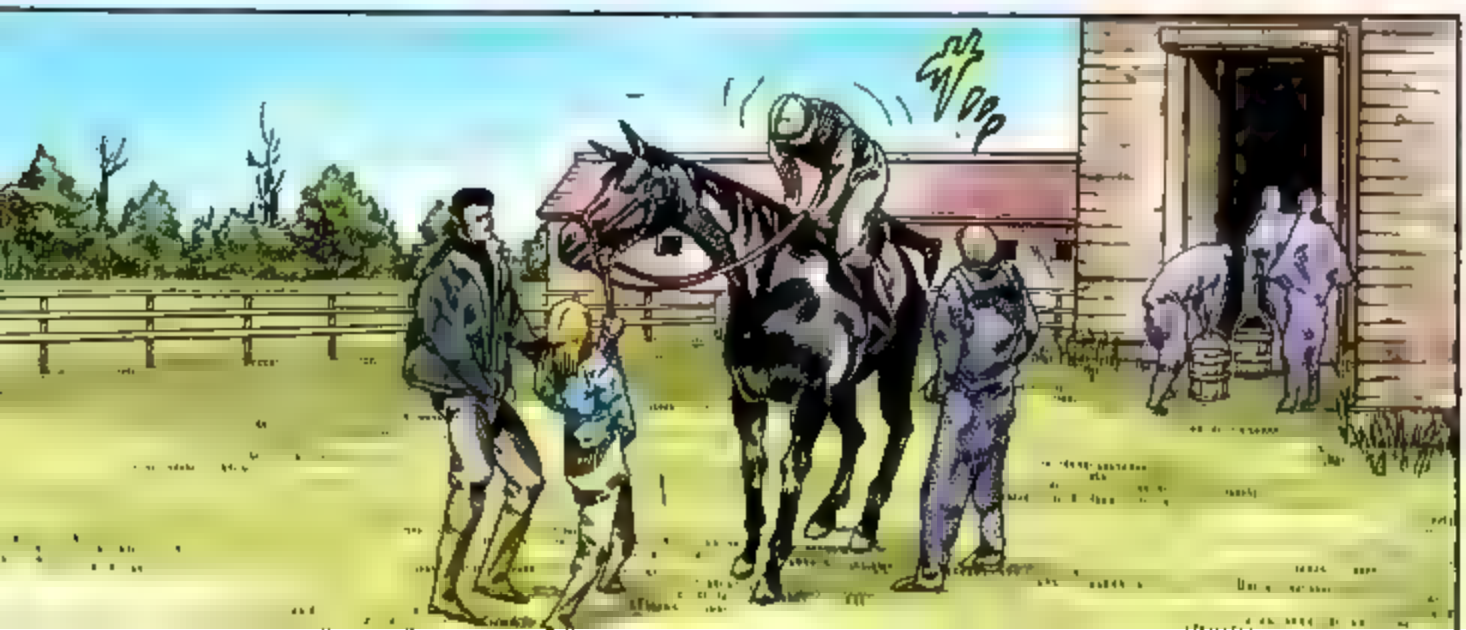

HE'S AMAZING!
WOW, NICHOLAS...!


HOW DOES HE DO THAT?!
I TOLD HIM TO DO THE NEXT 200 METERS IN 23 SECONDS, AND THEN 19 SECONDS, BUT HE ALWAYS GETS IT EXACTLY! HE'S NEVER EVEN 0.000000! OF A SECOND LATE!
IF I TELL HIM TO RUN 200 METERS IN 17 SECONDS,
HE'LL DO IT IN EXACTLY 17 SECONDS...!


BUT THAT NICHOLAS IS A SPECIAL CASE HE'S ALWAYS HAD THAT EXPERT SENSE OF TIME HE WAS BORN WITH IT
HMM. WELL, IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK
YOUR FATHER DOESN'T HAVE THAT ABILITY SO THAT'S WHY HE CHOSE TO BECOME A TRAINER INSTEAD
THAT'S SO COOL DO YOU THINK I COULD DO THAT TOO?


IT'S A BIT SENSITIVE, BUT YOUR BROTHER IS GOING TO RIDE IT IN HIS NEXT TOURNAMENT... HE'LL DEFINITELY WIN. FOR SURE.
ITS NAME IS 'BLACK ROSE'.
HM? AH, BIG HORSE, HUH?
WHO'S THAT?


HE'S GOT SOME PROMISE, SO THEY'RE LETTING HIM WORK HERE AS A HOT-WALKER
HE WAS DIEGO B-SOMETHING
SOME KID NAMED DIO
OH
NO, I MEAN THE KID WHO'S LEADING THE HORSE WITH DAD.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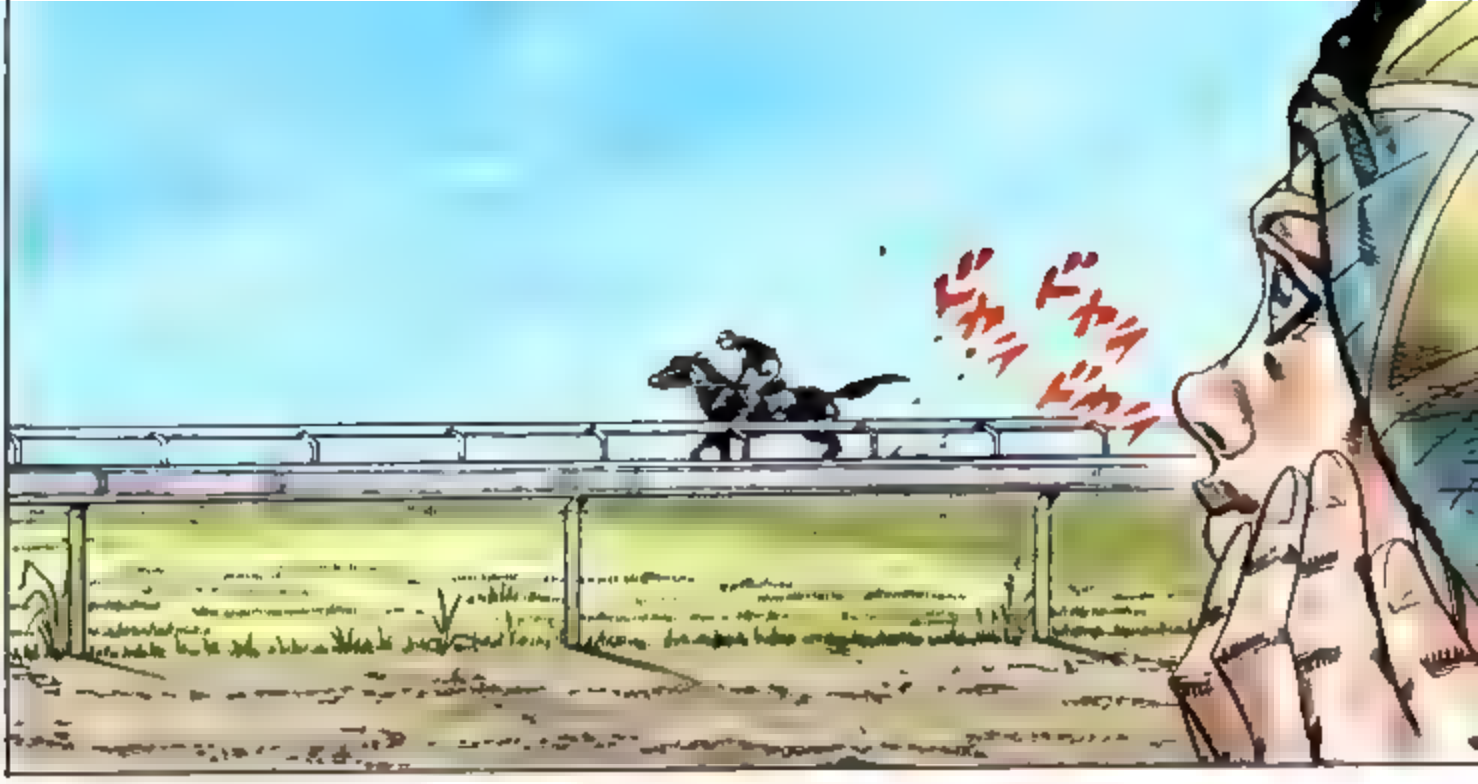
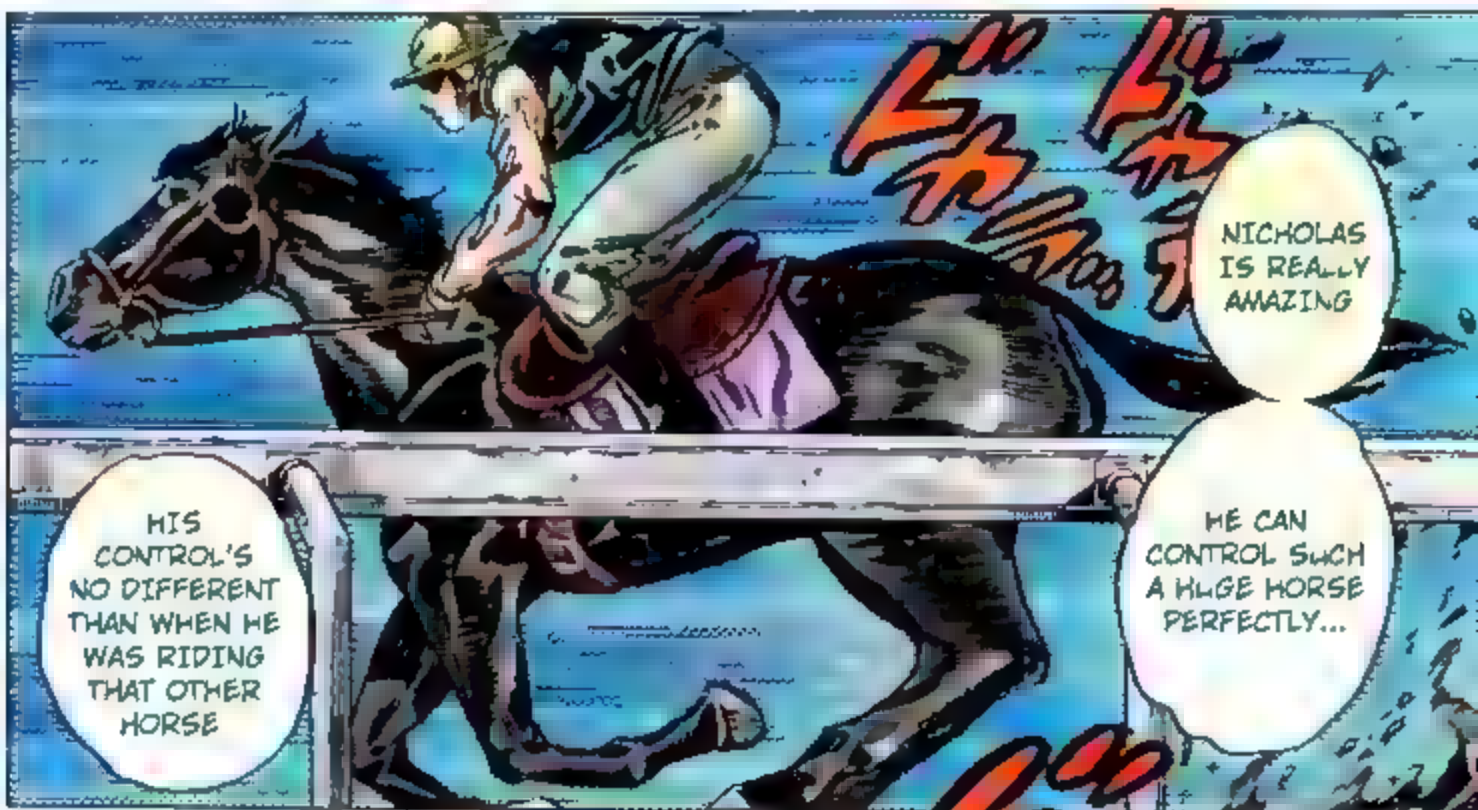
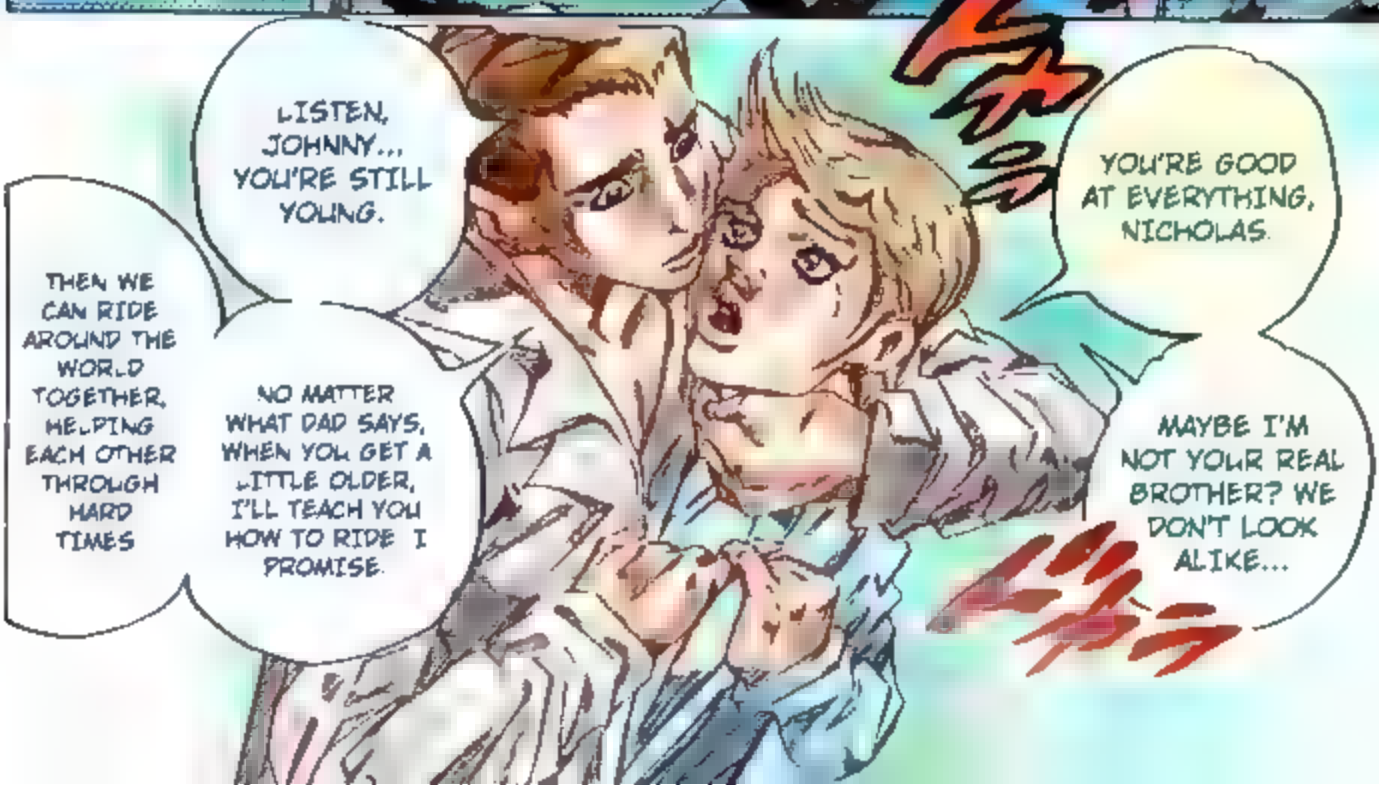
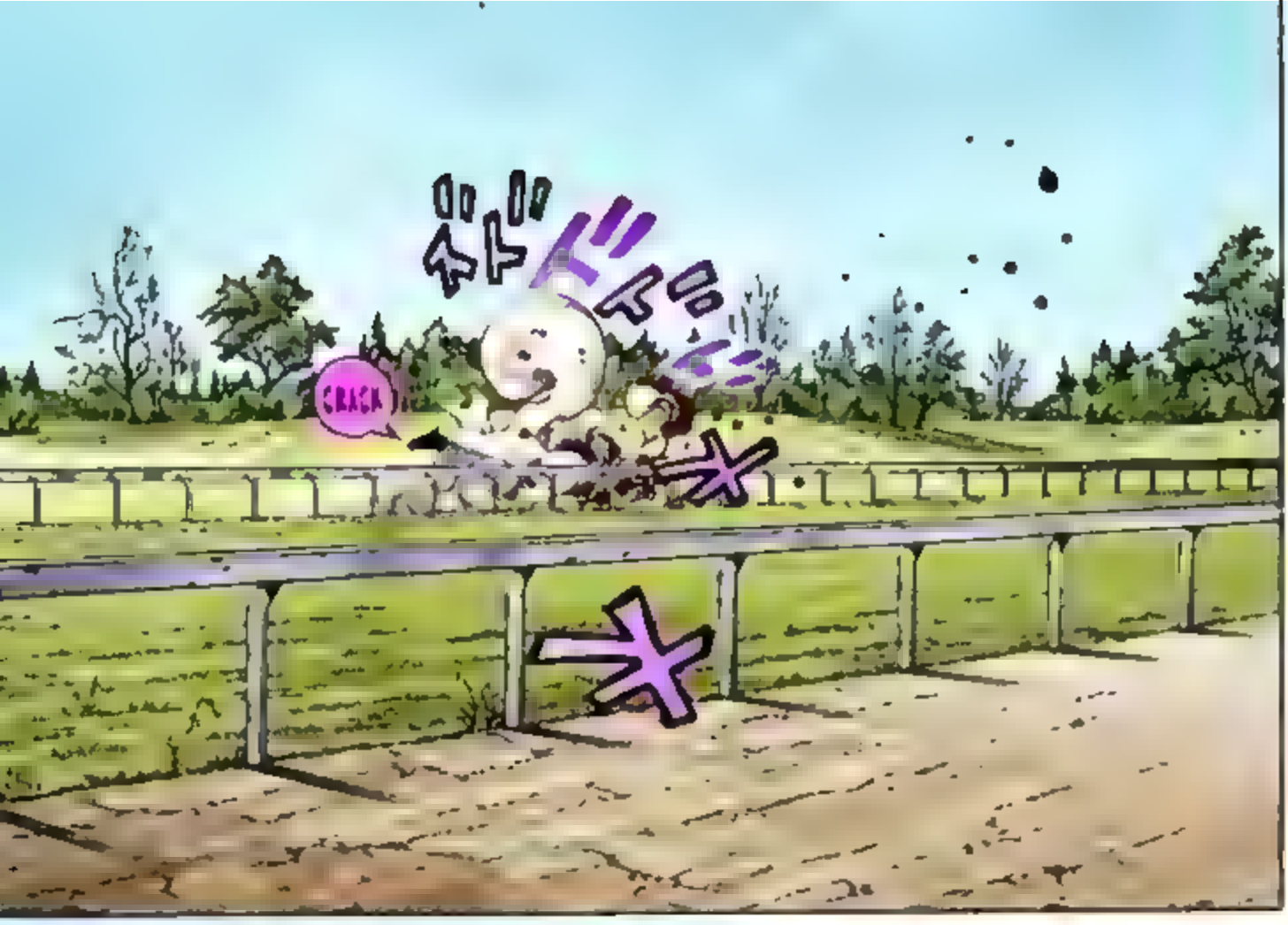



NICHOLAS IS REALLY AMAZING
HE CAN CONTROL SUCH A HUGE HORSE PERFECTLY...
HIS CONTROL'S NO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN HE WAS RIDING THAT OTHER HORSE


LISTEN, JOHNNY... YOU'RE STILL YOUNG.
YOU'RE GOOD AT EVERYTHING, NICHOLAS.
THEN WE CAN RIDE AROUND THE WORLD TOGETHER, HELPING EACH OTHER THROUGH HARD TIMES
NO MATTER WHAT DAD SAYS, WHEN YOU GET A LITTLE OLDER, I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO RIDE I PROMISE.
MAYBE I'M NOT YOUR REAL BROTHER? WE DON'T LOOK ALIKE...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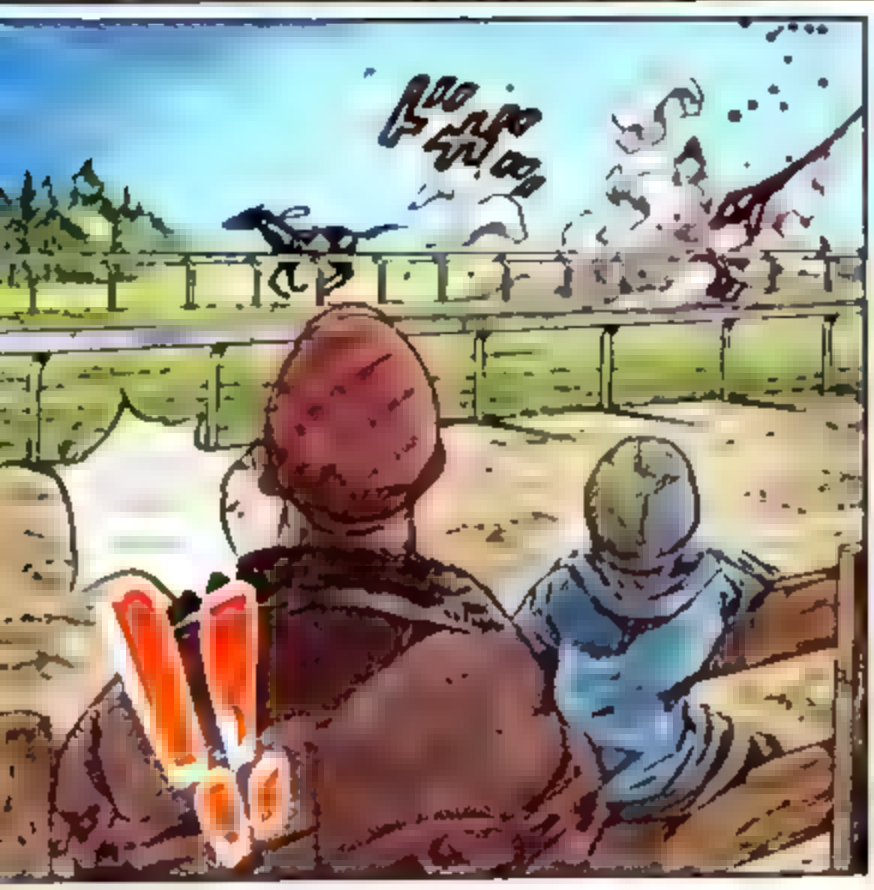

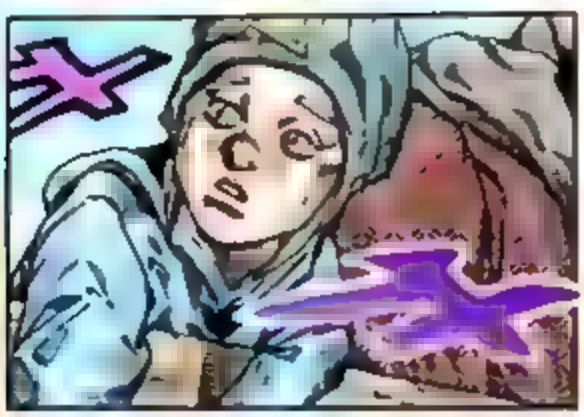

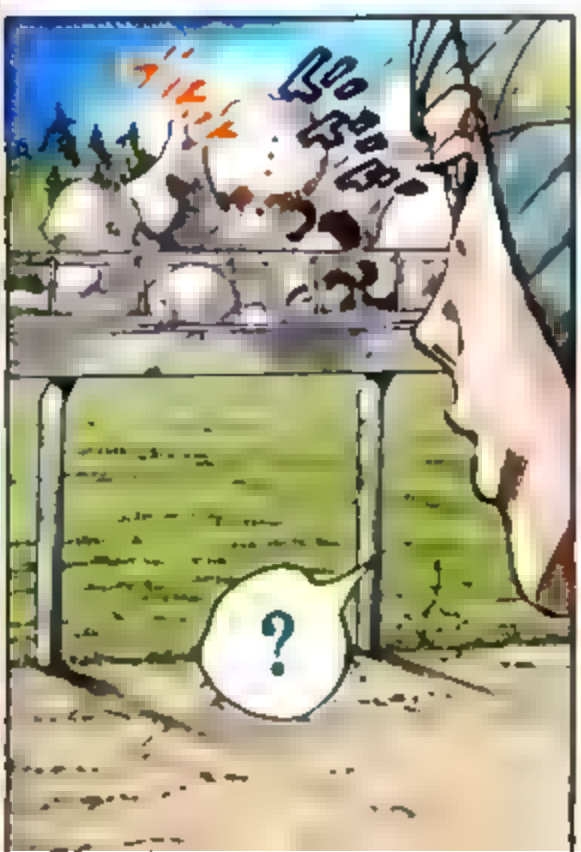
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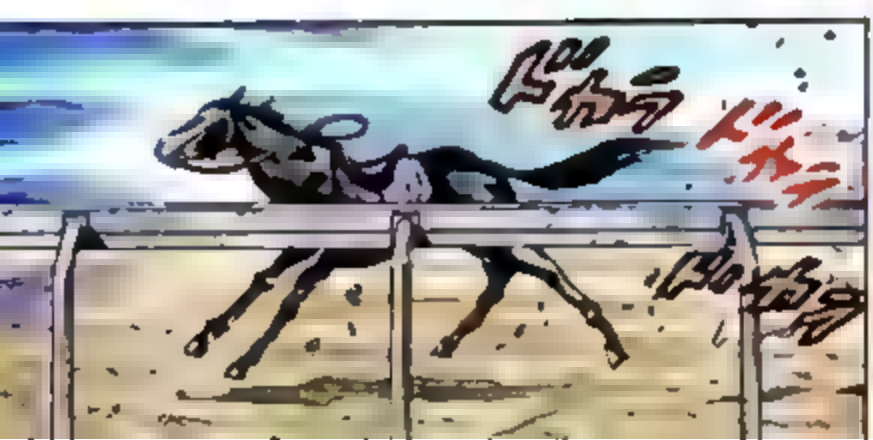

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A...
A...!!
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
AAAH!
I SAW A MOUSE SCUTTLING NEAR THE HORSE'S LEGS!
IT RAN OFF INTO THE WOODS!
BLACK ROSE WAS STARTLED BY A 'WHITE MOUSE'!
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A DOCTOR!
NICHOLAAAS!
NICHOLAS!
SOMEONE CALL A DOCTOR!
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HUH?

PLEASE! KEEP ON BREATHING, PLEASE!
BREATHE. OH, GOD.
SOMEONE HURRY UP AND GET THE DOCTOR!!
NICHOLAS!
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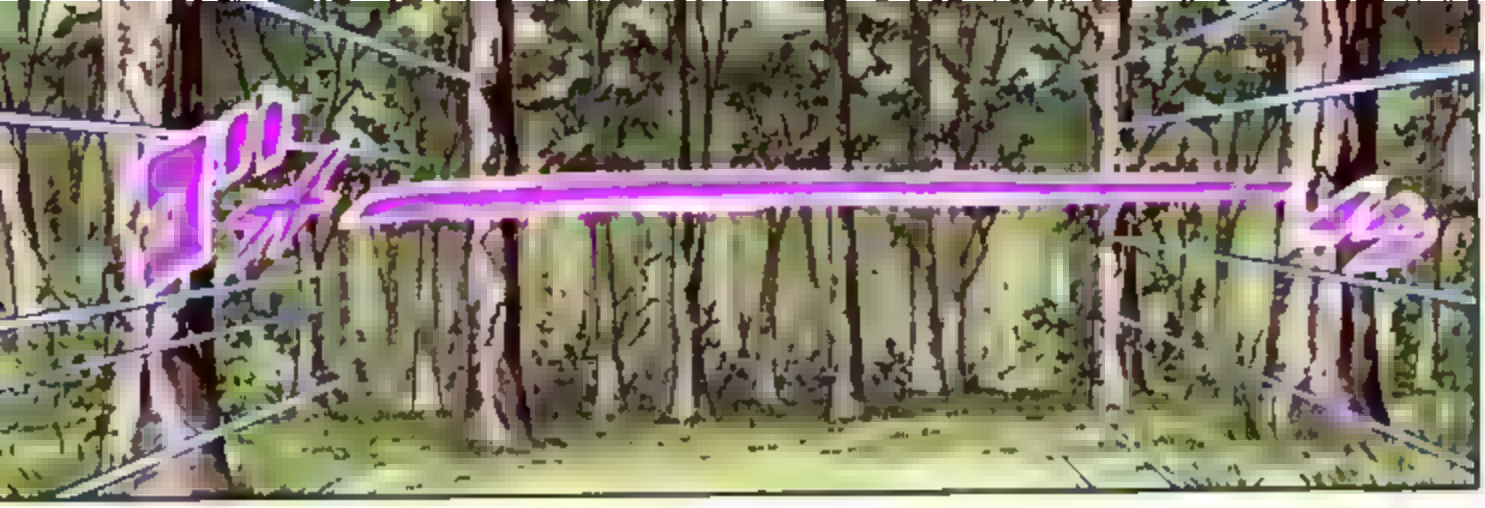
NICHOLAAAAAS!



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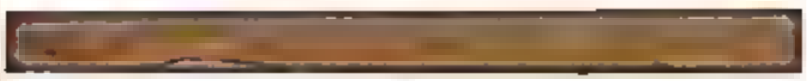

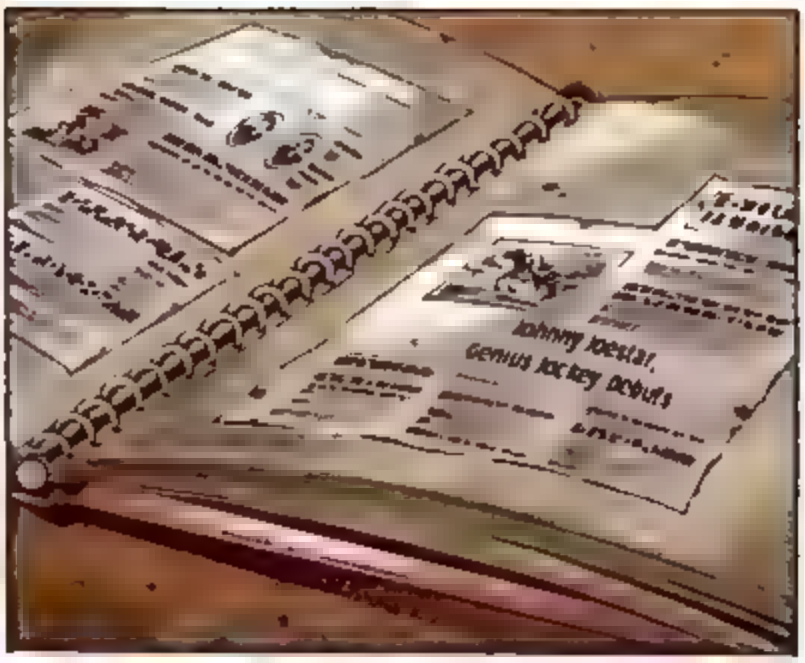
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AGHH!
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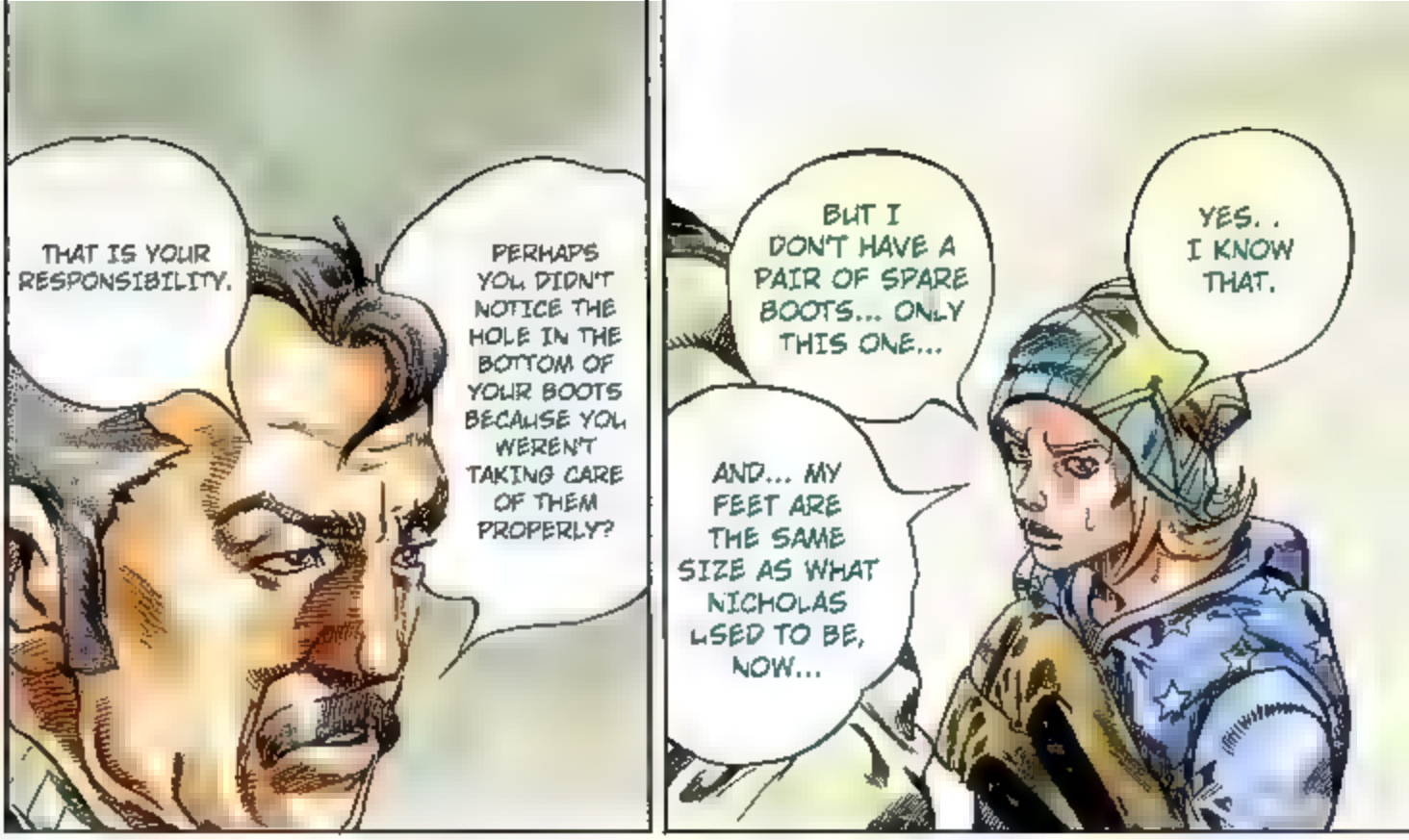
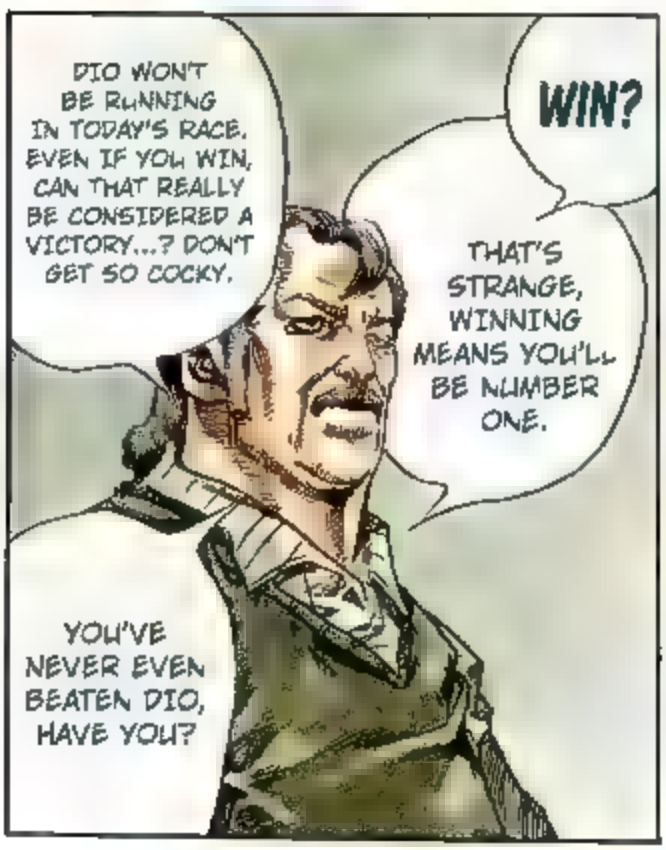
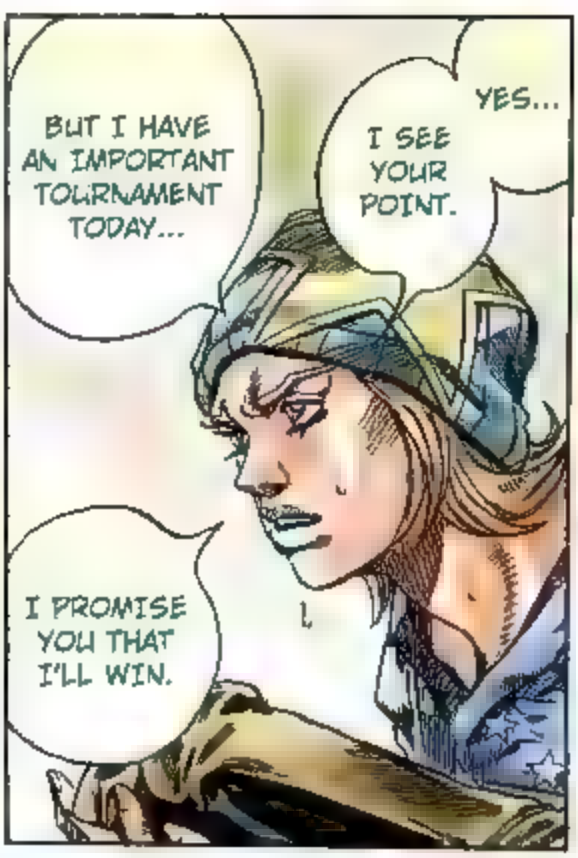
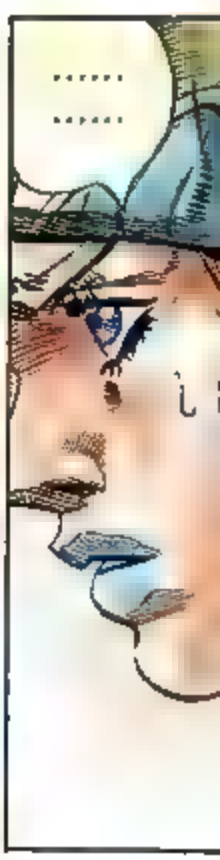
OH, FATHER!
JONATHAN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?
YOU WERE HOME ?
...
...
BUT YOU MUST RETURN THOSE BOOTS TO THE CLOSET
I SEE.
THAT'S NICHOLAS' CLOSET. AND THOSE ARE NICHOLAS' RIDING BOOTS.
MY RIDING BOOT... THE BOTTOM WAS FALLING OFF. I THINK THE QUALITY WAS BAD
WELL, UH .
SO I THOUGHT I COULD BORROW ONE OF THESE .


THAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
PERHAPS YOU DIDN'T NOTICE THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF YOUR BOOTS BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T TAKING CARE OF THEM PROPERLY?
BUT I DON'T HAVE A PAIR OF SPARE BOOTS... ONLY THIS ONE...
YES.. I KNOW THAT.
AND... MY FEET ARE THE SAME SIZE AS WHAT NICHOLAS USED TO BE, NOW...


DIO WON'T BE RUNNING IN TODAY'S RACE. EVEN IF YOU WIN, CAN THAT REALLY BE CONSIDERED A VICTORY...? DON'T GET SO COCKY.
WIN?
THAT'S STRANGE, WINNING MEANS YOU'LL BE NUMBER ONE.
YOU'VE NEVER EVEN BEATEN DIO, HAVE YOU?


BUT I HAVE AN IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT TODAY...
YES... I SEE YOUR POINT.
I PROMISE YOU THAT I'LL WIN.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NICHOLAS
HE WAS FAR SUPERIOR TO SOMEONE LIKE THAT DIO..

NO!
YOU HAVE NO 'RIGHT' TO USE NICHOLAS' THINGS.
PLEASE, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIND ANOTHER PAIR.
PLEASE LET ME BORROW THESE BOOTS.
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MY BROTHER DIED 7 YEARS AGO!
'NICHOLAS THAT'
YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT 'NICHOLAS THIS'.
WHAT...
WHAT IS IT, DAD?!
I'M THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO BE IN THE RACE TODAY
PLEASE!
PLEASE COME WATCH MY RACE TODAY I'LL WIN, FOR YOU!
PUT THEM BACK
... ..
... ..
....

NO!
N...
JUST PUT NICHOLAS' BOOTS BACK IN THE CLOSET, JONATHAN!
WHAT?!
LET GO!
S .. STOP! LET GO!
DAMN IT, JUST LET GO!
ARE YOU GOING TO INSULT YOUR OWN BROTHER?!
I'M GOING TO ENTER TODAY'S RACE WEARING THESE BOOTS!
THESE ARE JUST OLD BOOTS!
THEY'RE JUST OBJECTS!
GIVE THEM TO ME!

GET THE FUCK OFF!
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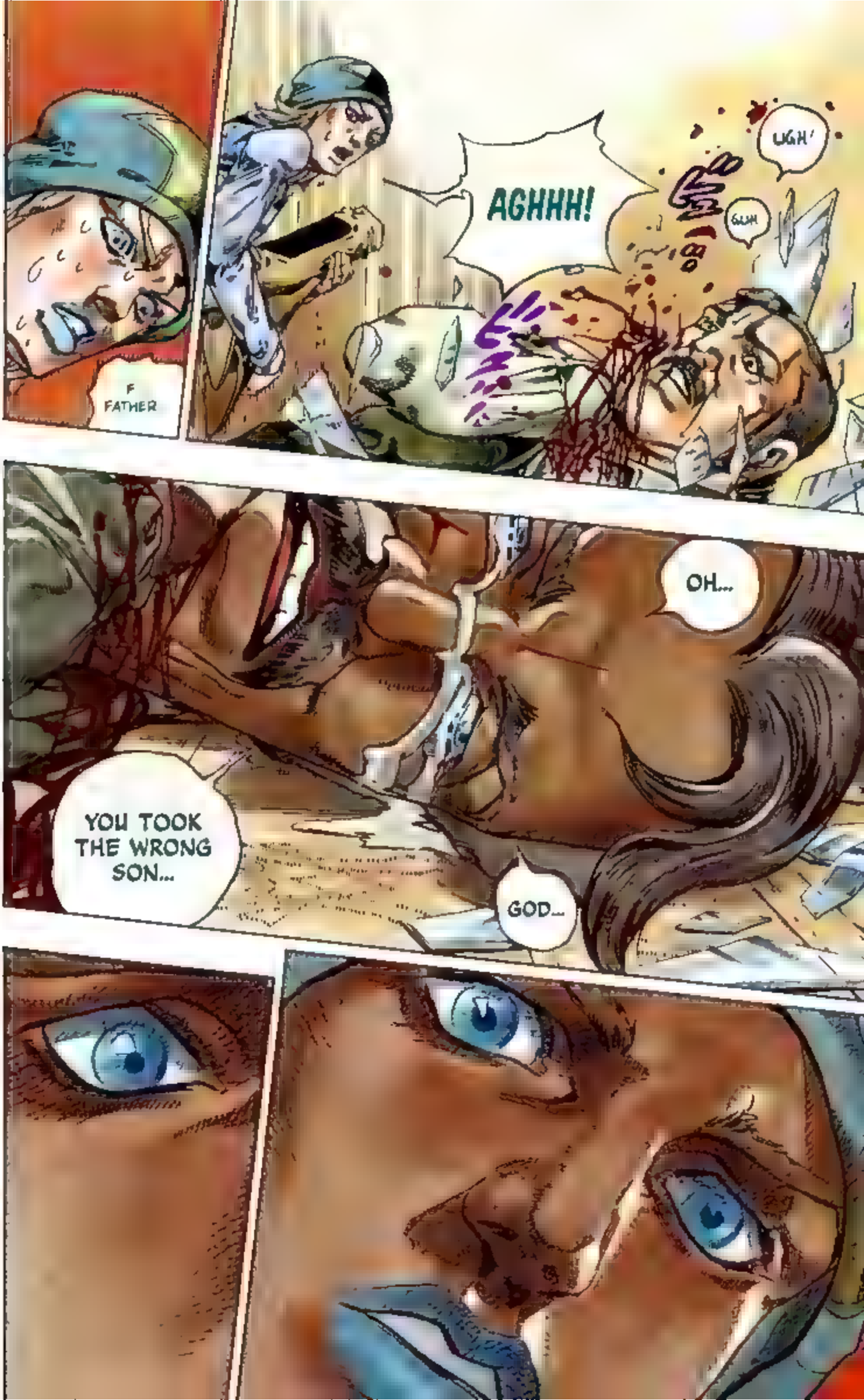
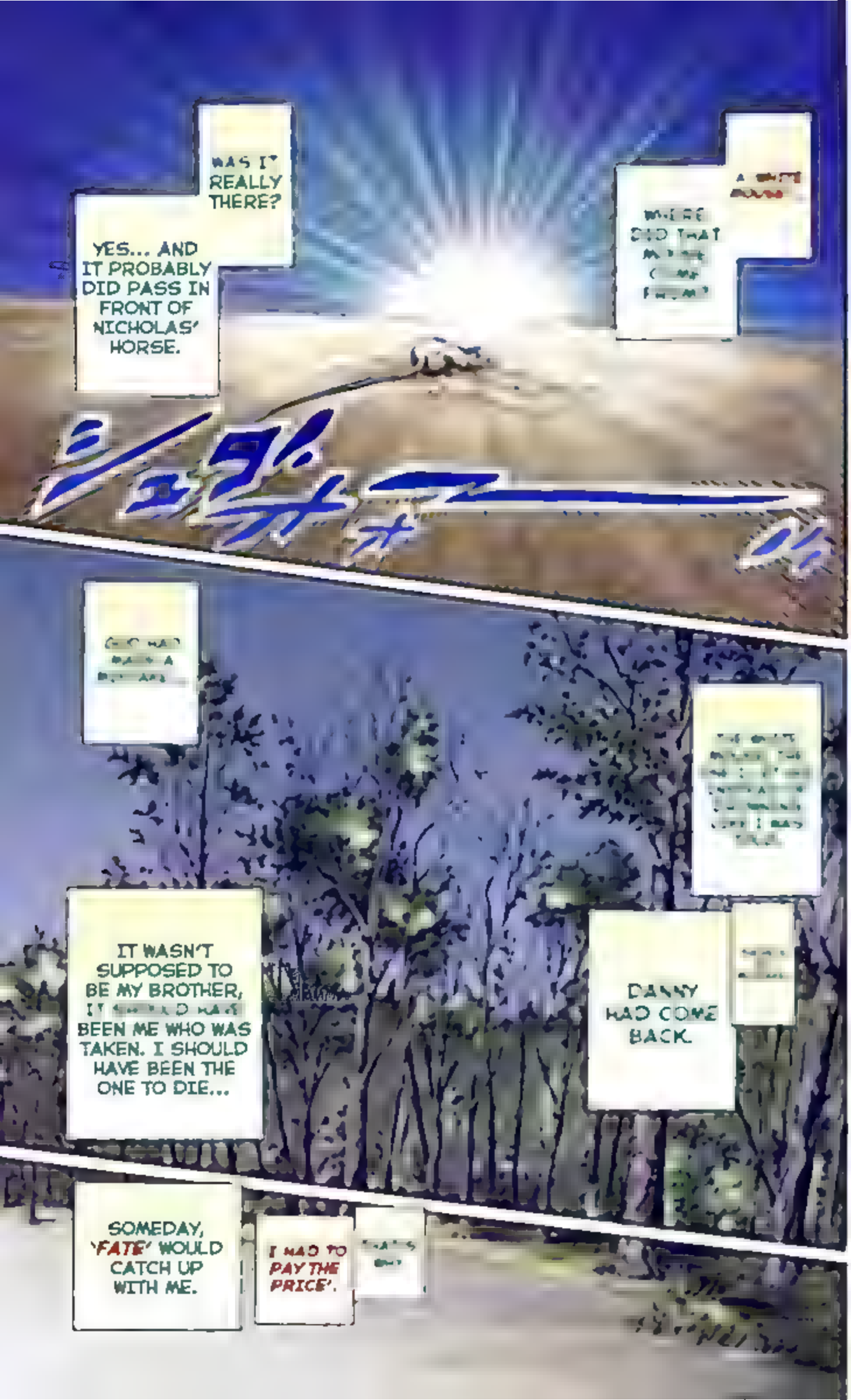
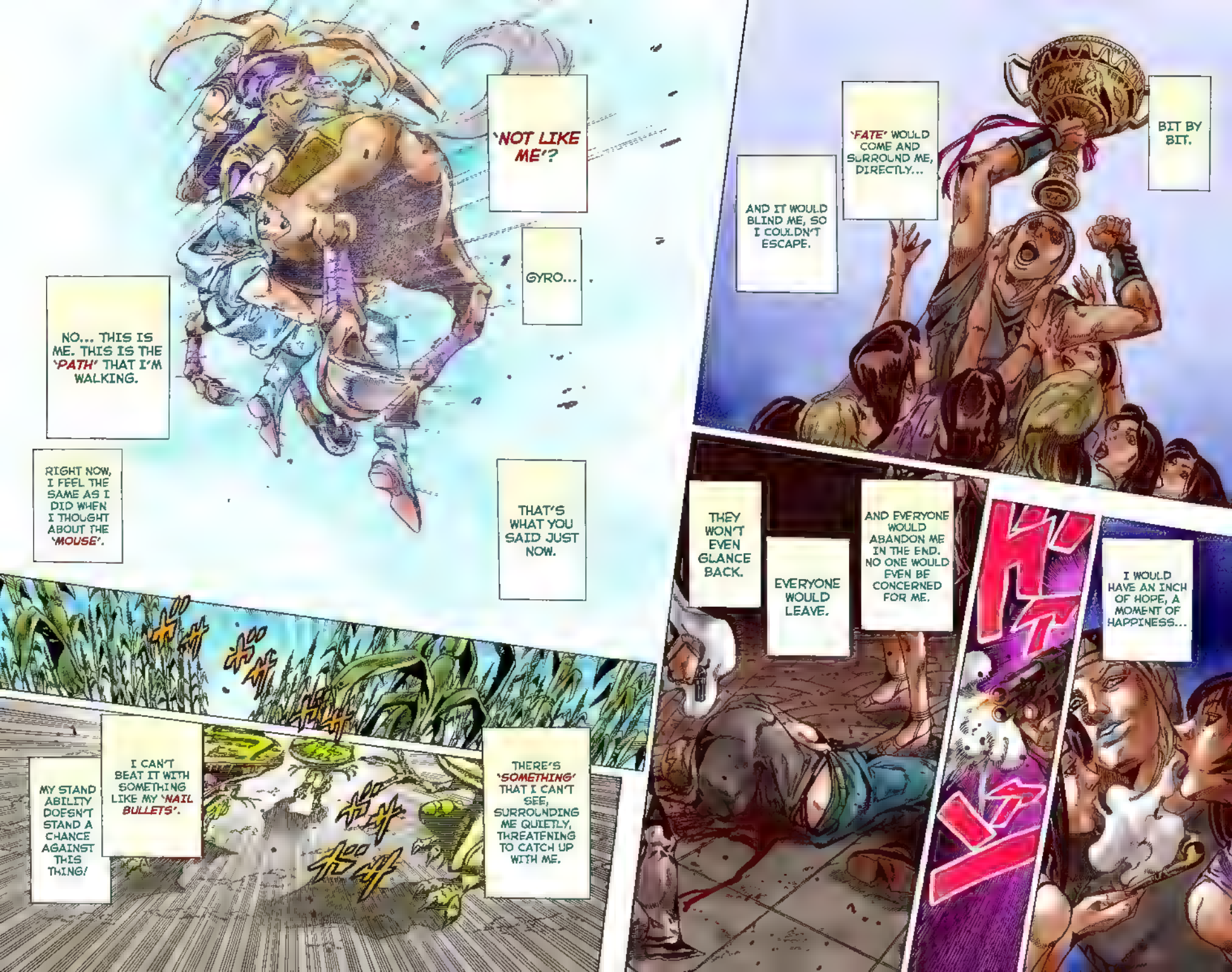

F
FATHER
AGHHH!
UGH!
GLUH
OH...
YOU TOOK THE WRONG SON...
GOD...

WHAT DID... YOU JUST SAY...?
DAD, YOU
...WHAT. .?
...I'M NOT GOING TO TRUST ANYONE
FINE... IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THAT WAY,
I'LL DO FINE ON MY OWN.
...
GET OUT...
YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE ANYMORE...
GET OUT...!

'A MOUSE SCUTTLED NEAR BLACK ROSE'S LEGS.'


WAS IT REALLY THERE?
YES... AND IT PROBABLY DID PASS IN FRONT OF NICHOLAS' HORSE.
A WHITE HORSE
WHERE DID THAT HORSE COME FROM?
DANNY HAD COME BACK.
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE MY BROTHER, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME WHO WAS TAKEN. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO DIE...
SOMEDAY, 'FATE' WOULD CATCH UP WITH ME.
I HAD TO PAY THE PRICE'.


'NOT LIKE ME'?
GYRO...
NO... THIS IS ME. THIS IS THE 'PATH' THAT I'M WALKING.
RIGHT NOW, I FEEL THE SAME AS I DID WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THE 'MOUSE'.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW.
MY STAND ABILITY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THIS THING!
I CAN'T BEAT IT WITH SOMETHING LIKE MY 'NAIL BULLETS'.
THERE'S 'SOMETHING' THAT I CAN'T SEE, SURROUNDING ME QUIETLY, THREATENING TO CATCH UP WITH ME.
AND IT WOULD BLIND ME, SO I COULDN'T ESCAPE.
'FATE' WOULD COME AND SURROUND ME, DIRECTLY...
BIT BY BIT.
THEY WON'T EVEN GLANCE BACK.
EVERYONE WOULD LEAVE.
AND EVERYONE WOULD ABANDON ME IN THE END. NO ONE WOULD EVEN BE CONCERNED FOR ME.
I WOULD HAVE AN INCH OF HOPE, A MOMENT OF HAPPINESS...

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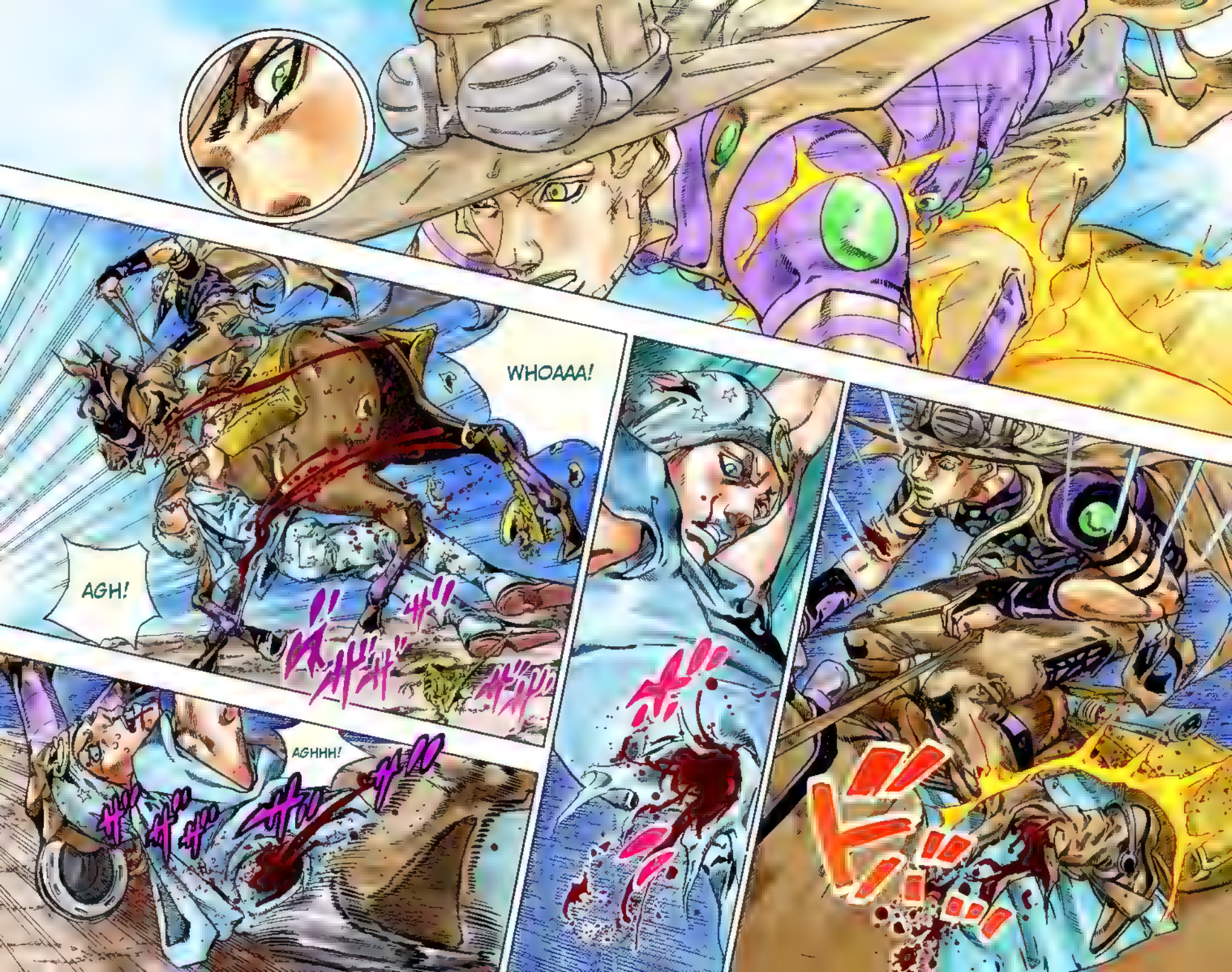
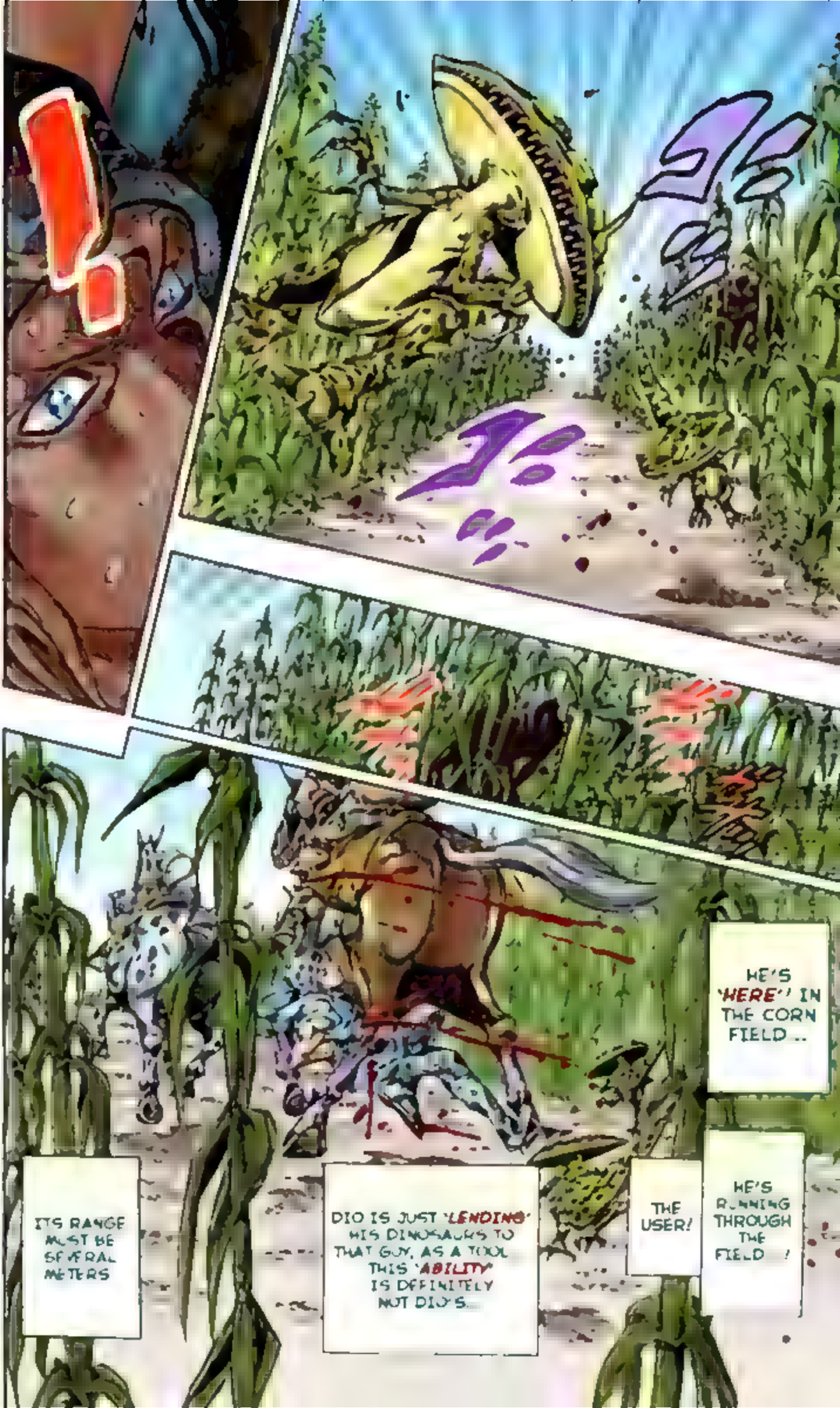
THREW ITS 'PIECES'...


WHOAAA!
AGH!
AGHHH!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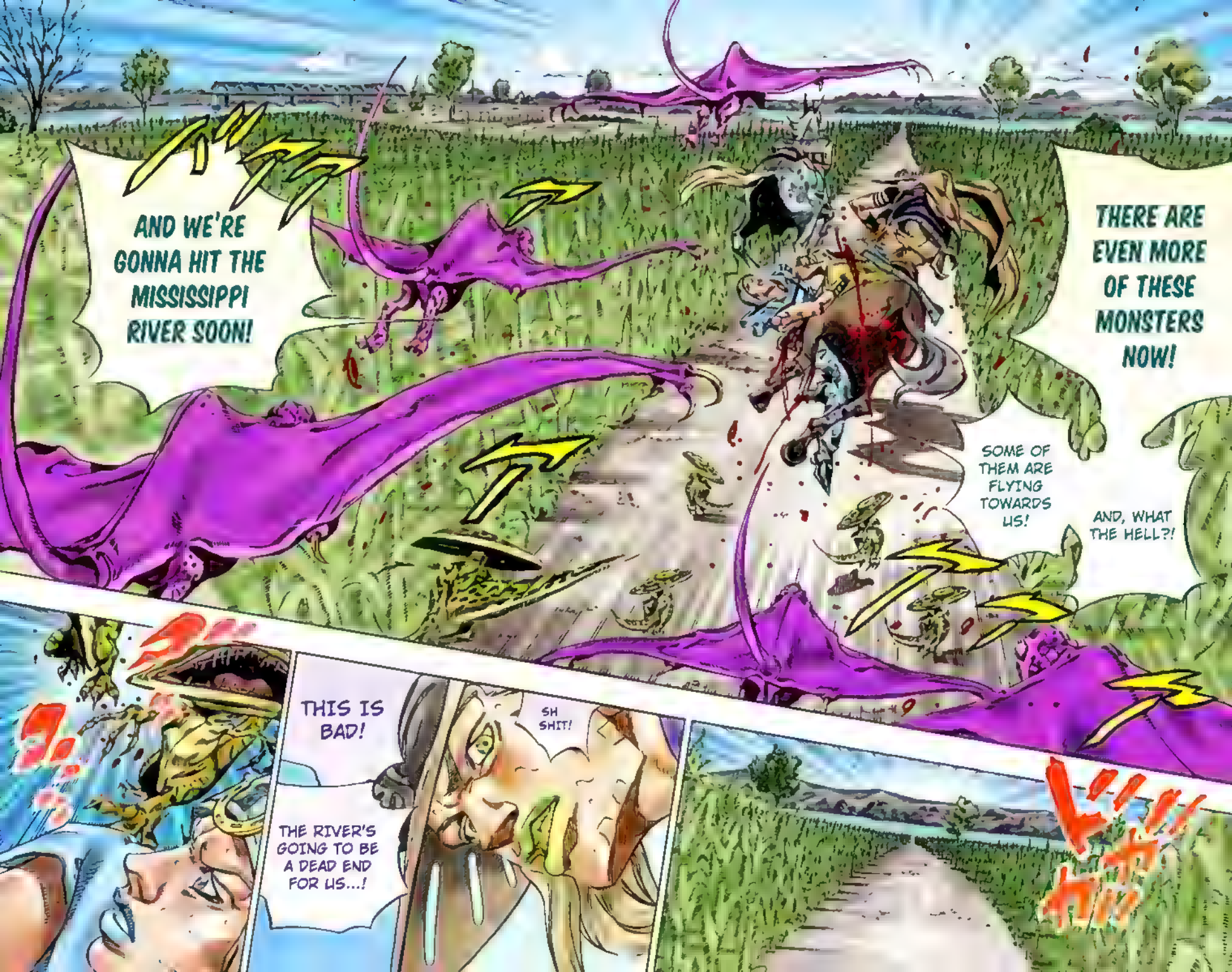
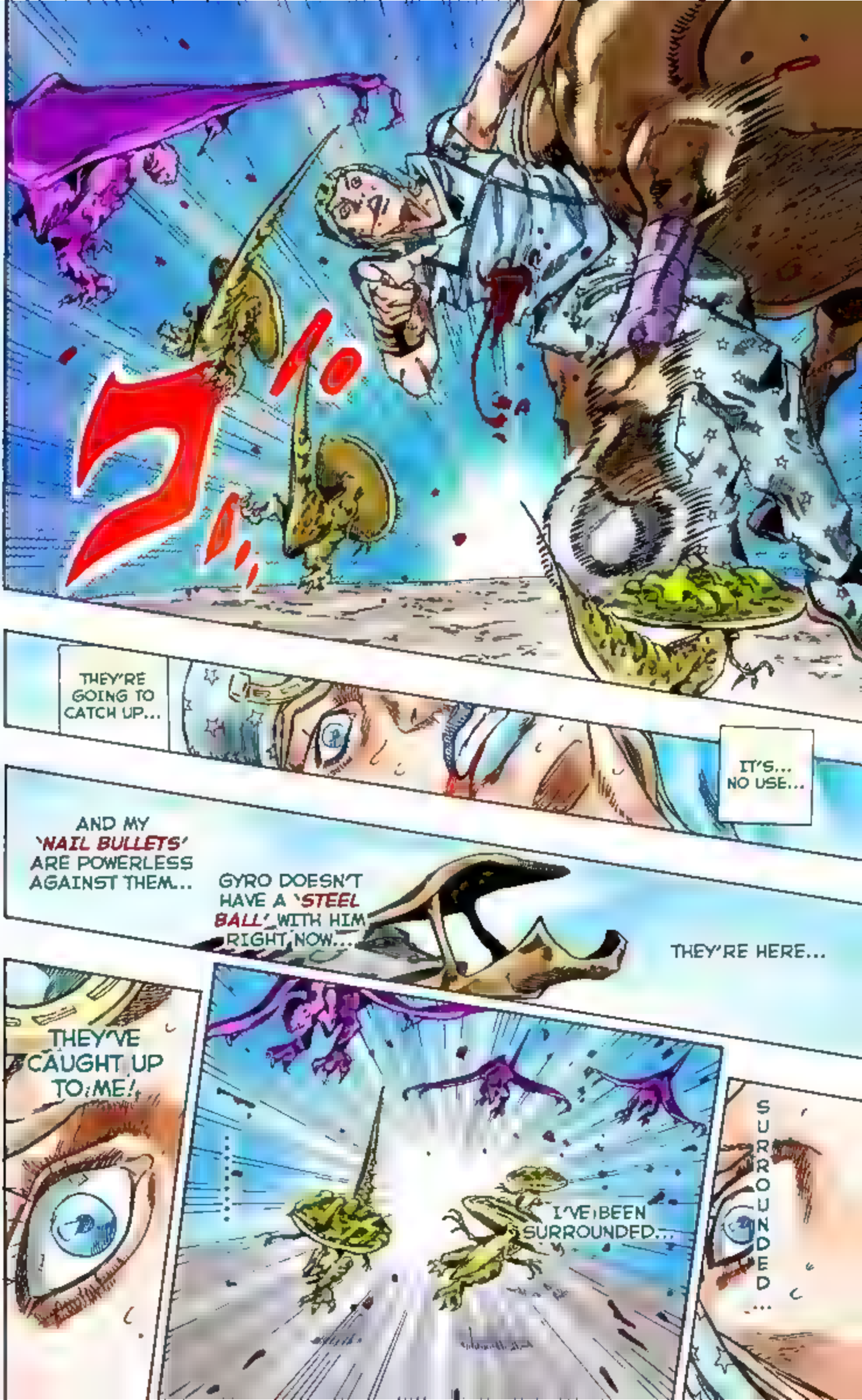
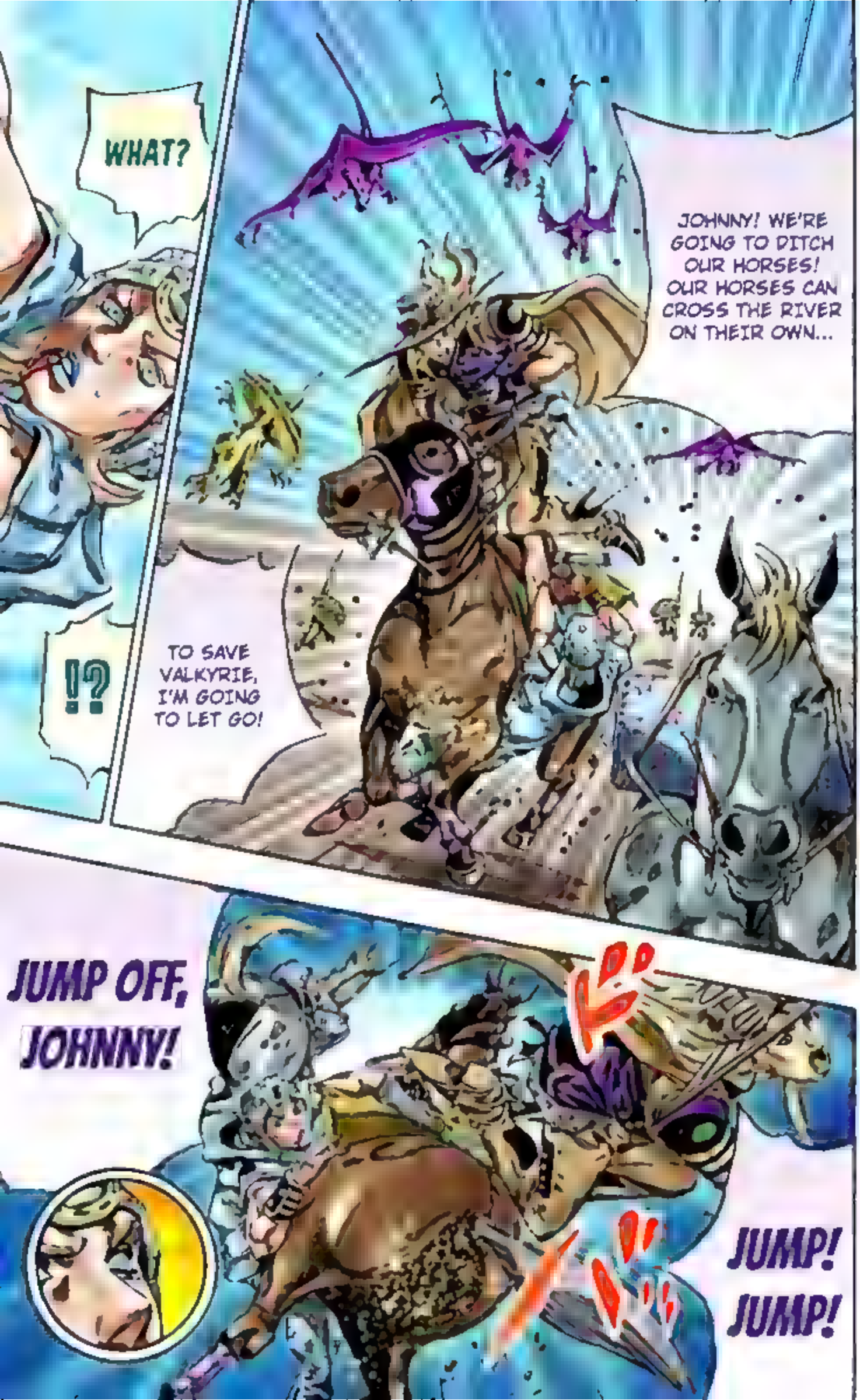
HE'S "HERE" IN THE CORN FIELD...
ITS RANGE MUST BE SEVERAL METERS
DIO IS JUST "LENDING" HIS DINOSAURS TO THAT GUY, AS A TOOL. THIS "ABILITY" IS DEFINITELY NOT DIO'S...
THE USER!
HE'S RUNNING THROUGH THE FIELD!

LIKE HOW A 'SOUND' TRAVELS,
IT WORKS LIKE A 'SOUND'!
THIS STAND DOESN'T DESTROY WHATEVER THESE DINOSAURS 'TOUCH'...
IT DOESN'T DESTROY OUR HORSE ON IMPACT... IT TRAVELS THROUGH UNTIL IT REACHES OUR BODIES!
IT SENDS OUT A SIGNAL... AND IT DESTROYS WHAT'S AT THE END OF THE SIGNAL!
I CAN'T! THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT!
WASN'T 'HOT PANTS' AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE?
DAMN IT! WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT!
WELL, VALKYRIE'S GONNA GO DOWN TOO IF THIS KEEPS UP!
GO FIND 'HOT PANTS'! I NEED HIM TO FIX THIS LEG WITH HIS SPRAY! IT'S BLEEDING LIKE CRAZY!

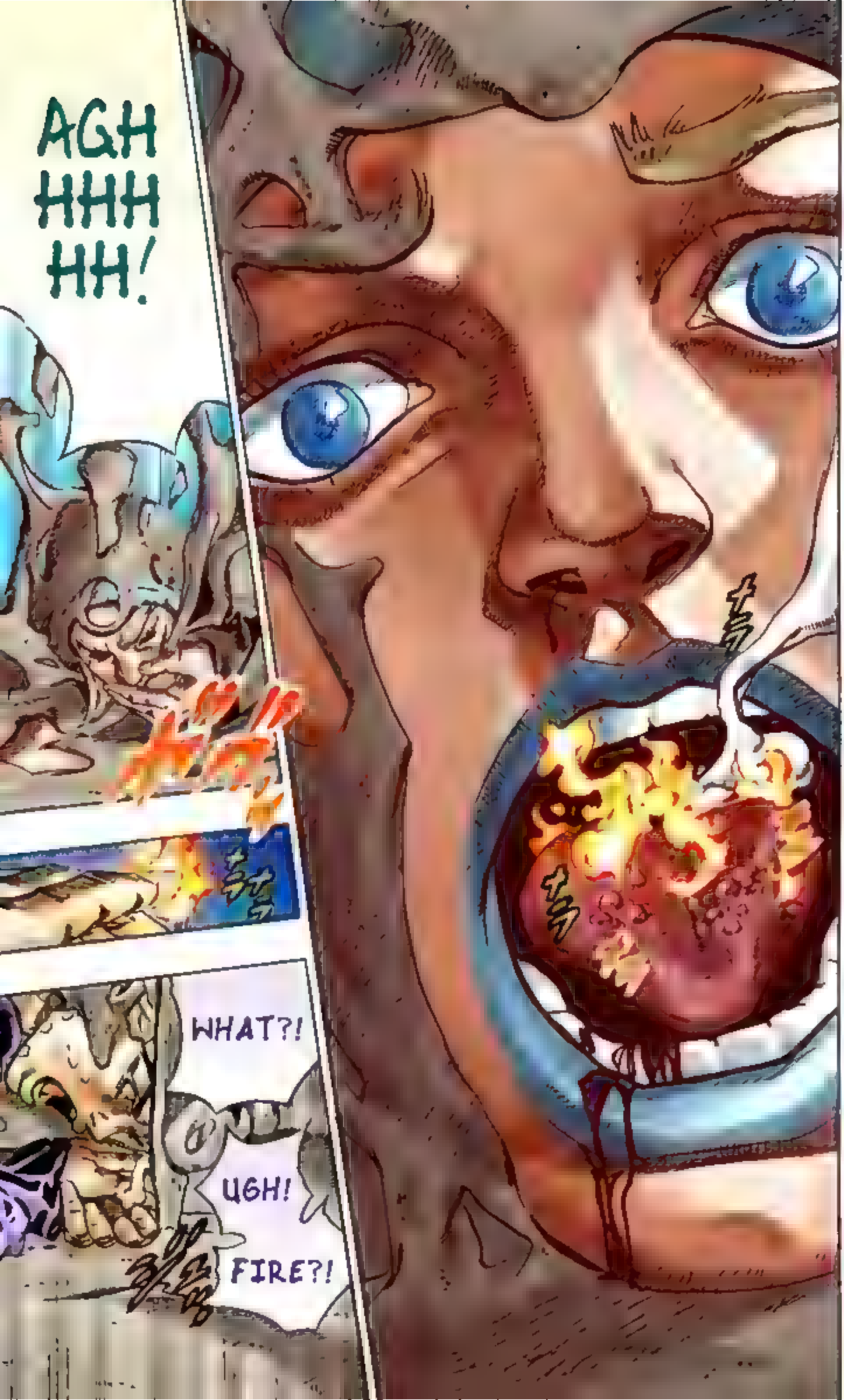

AND WE'RE GONNA HIT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SOON!
THERE ARE EVEN MORE OF THESE MONSTERS NOW!
SOME OF THEM ARE FLYING TOWARDS US!
AND, WHAT THE HELL?!
THIS IS BAD!
THE RIVER'S GOING TO BE A DEAD END FOR US...!
SH SHIT!

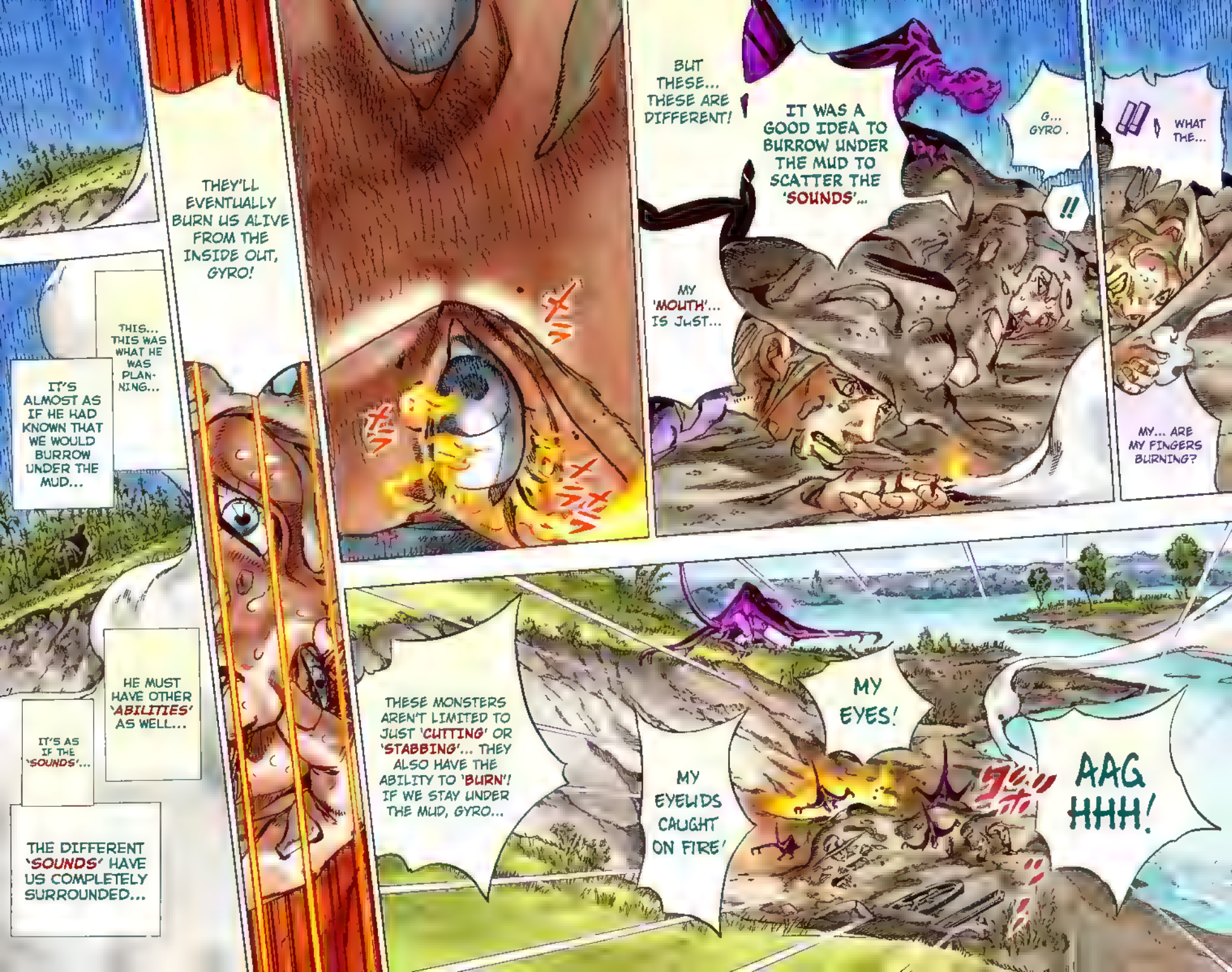

THEY'RE GOING TO CATCH UP...
IT'S... NO USE...
AND MY 'NAIL BULLETS' ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THEM...
GYRO DOESN'T HAVE A 'STEEL BALL' WITH HIM RIGHT NOW...
THEY'RE HERE...
THEY'VE CAUGHT UP TO ME!
I'VE BEEN SURROUNDED...
SURROUNDED...


WHAT?
!?
TO SAVE VALKYRIE, I'M GOING TO LET GO!
JOHNNY! WE'RE GOING TO DITCH OUR HORSES! OUR HORSES CAN CROSS THE RIVER ON THEIR OWN...
JUMP OFF, JOHNNY!
JUMP! JUMP!

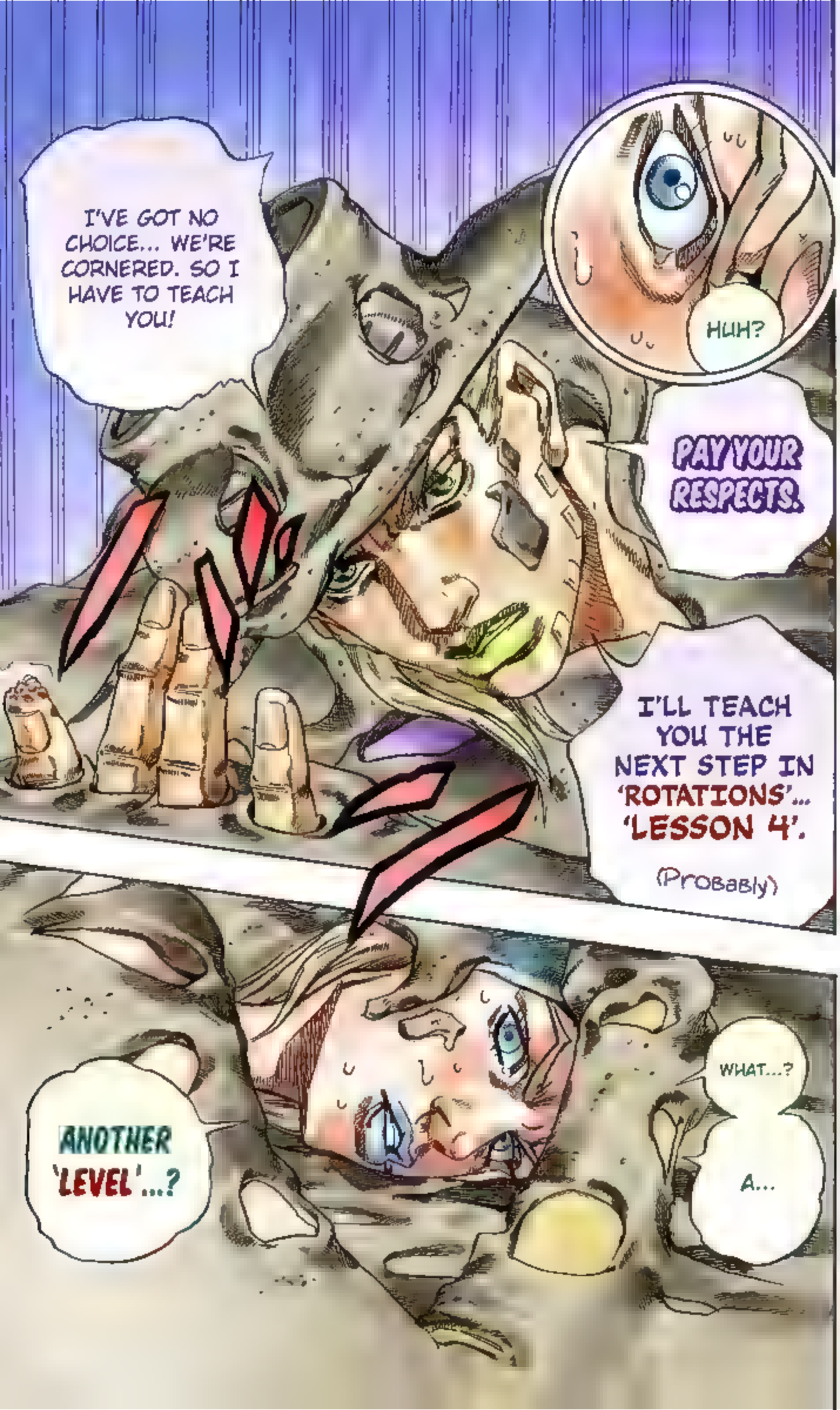
DIG!
DIG!
JUMP!
JOHNNY! GET UNDER THE MUD!

SFX on Dinos Burn

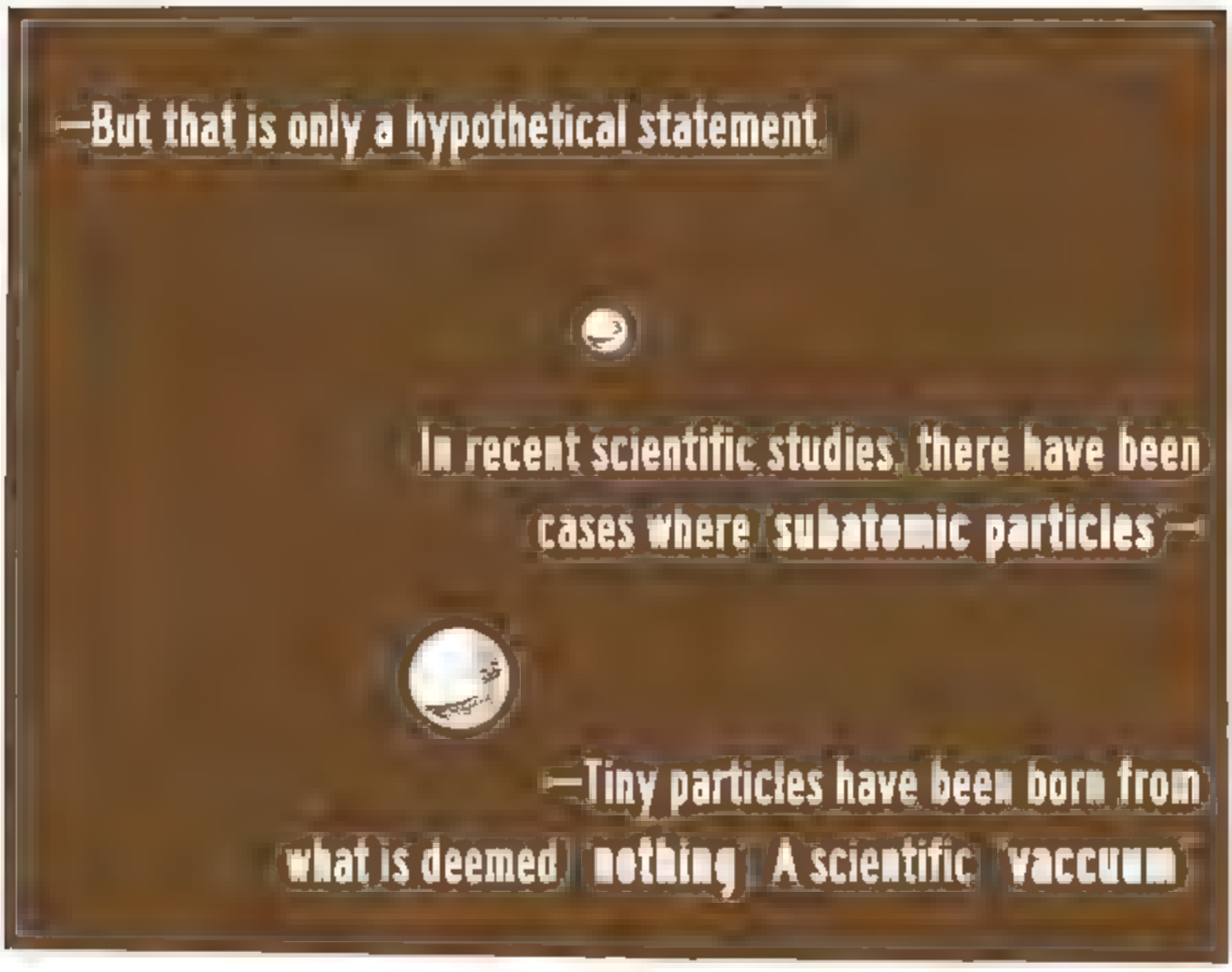

AGH HHH HH!
WHAT?!
UGH!
FIRE?!


THEY'LL EVENTUALLY BURN US ALIVE FROM THE INSIDE OUT, GYRO!
THIS... THIS WAS WHAT HE WAS PLANNING...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE HAD KNOWN THAT WE WOULD BURROW UNDER THE MUD...
HE MUST HAVE OTHER 'ABILITIES' AS WELL...
IT'S AS IF THE 'SOUNDS'...
THE DIFFERENT 'SOUNDS' HAVE US COMPLETELY SURROUNDED...
BUT THESE... THESE ARE DIFFERENT!
IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO BURROW UNDER THE MUD TO SCATTER THE 'SOUNDS'...
MY 'MOUTH'... IS JUST...
G... GYRO.
!!
!!
WHAT THE...
MY... ARE MY FINGERS BURNING?
THESE MONSTERS AREN'T LIMITED TO JUST 'CUTTING' OR 'STABBING'... THEY ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO 'BURN'! IF WE STAY UNDER THE MUD, GYRO...
MY EYELIDS CAUGHT ON FIRE!
MY EYES!
AAGHHH!

DON'T JUST SPEW WHATEVER YOU'RE THINKING OUT OF YOUR GODDAMN MOUTH!
YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES...
HEY, JOHNNY
HE... HE'D ALREADY TRAPPED US!
WHAT I'VE TAUGHT YOU IS STILL JUST THE 'BASICS'!
ZOO ZOOO
.....
. ....
ARE YOU UNDERESTI-MATING MY 'ROTATIONS'?
"I DON'T HAVE MY 'STEEL BALLS' THIS" AND "YOU CAN'T WIN WITH YOUR 'NAIL BULLETS' THAT"....
ARE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON THE 250 YEARS OF THE ZEPPELI FAMILY'S HISTORY?


I'VE GOT NO CHOICE... WE'RE CORNERED. SO I HAVE TO TEACH YOU!
HUH?
PAY YOUR RESPECTS.
I'LL TEACH YOU THE NEXT STEP IN 'ROTATIONS'... 'LESSON 4'.
(Probably)
ANOTHER 'LEVEL'...?
WHAT...?
A...

The saying goes that 'something' cannot be born from 'nothing'.


—But that is only a hypothetical statement.
In recent scientific studies, there have been cases where "subatomic particles"—
—Tiny particles have been born from what is deemed "nothing." A scientific "vaccuum"

And those "subatomic particles" have the abilrty to be suddenly converted into energy.
And this energy can disappear as quickly as it can appear.

In short, 'something' can be born from 'nothing', and 'nothing' is equivalent to 'possibility'.

Apparently, concepts such as 'gravity' and 'mass' are born from this principle.

This idea of '**subatomic particles**' is not restrained only to the field of space,

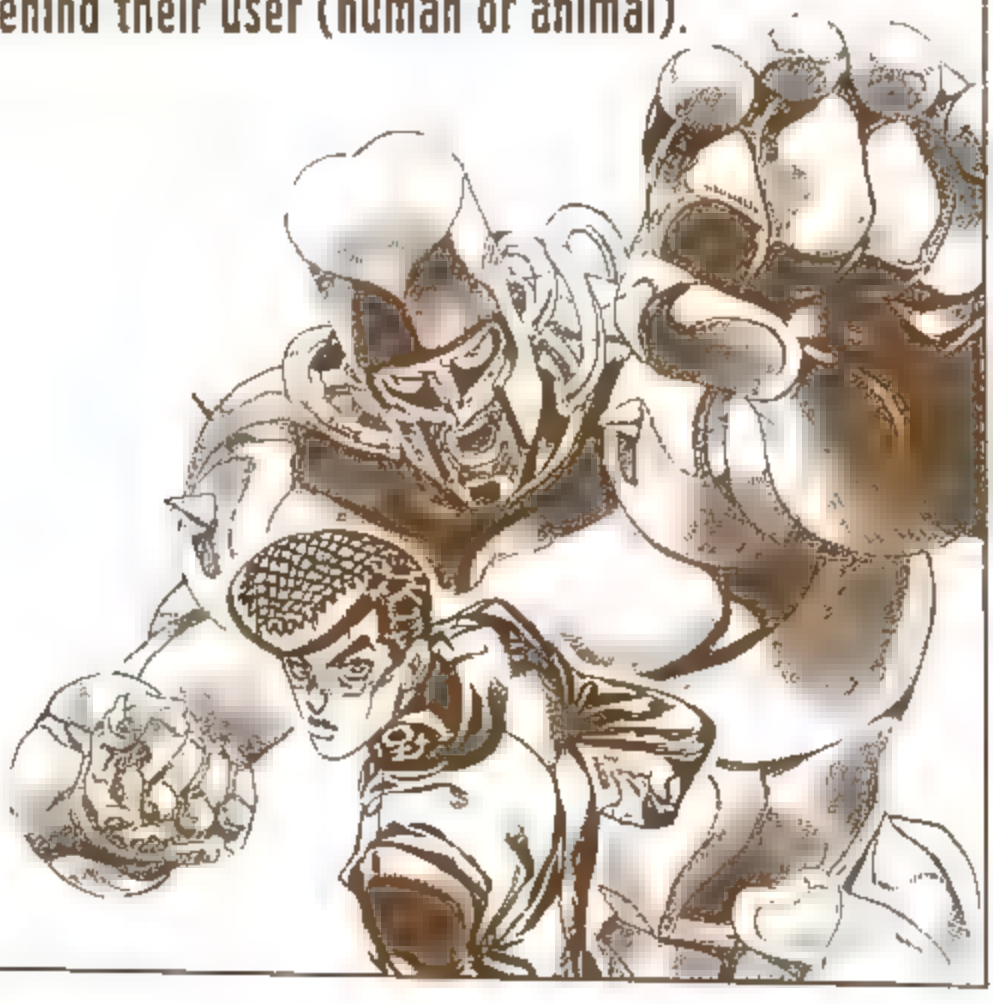
But it happens all the time on our own planet, within our daily lives.

For example, they can be shown as such;

For our purposes, this '**invisible spirit energy**' is expressed through visual depictions.

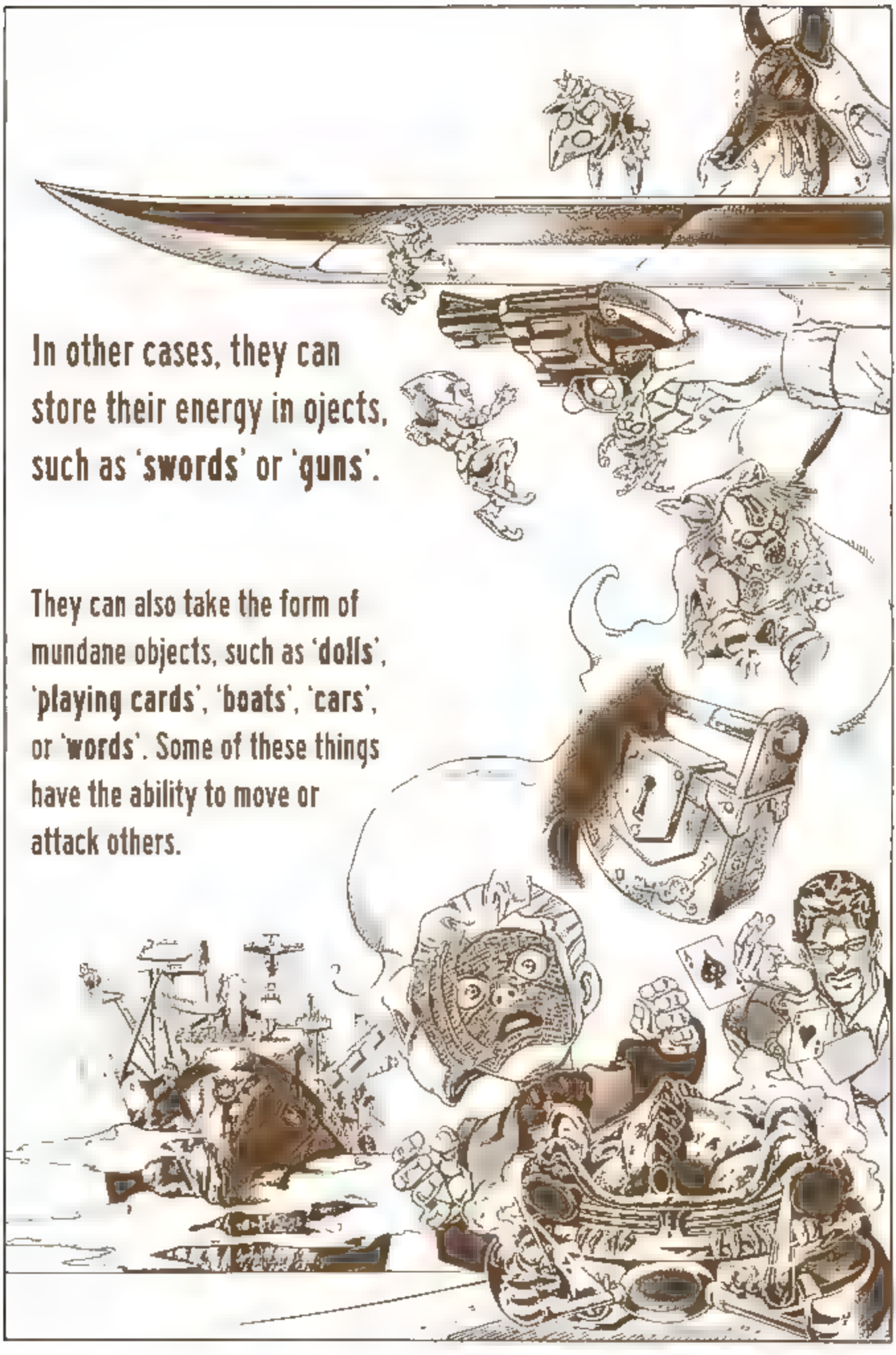
With that as the introductory concept, in this story, '**Jojo's Bizarre Adventure**', the spiritual energy that some humans have to draw on is called '**Stands**'.

They can be shown as a character of their own, which appears behind their user (human or animal).

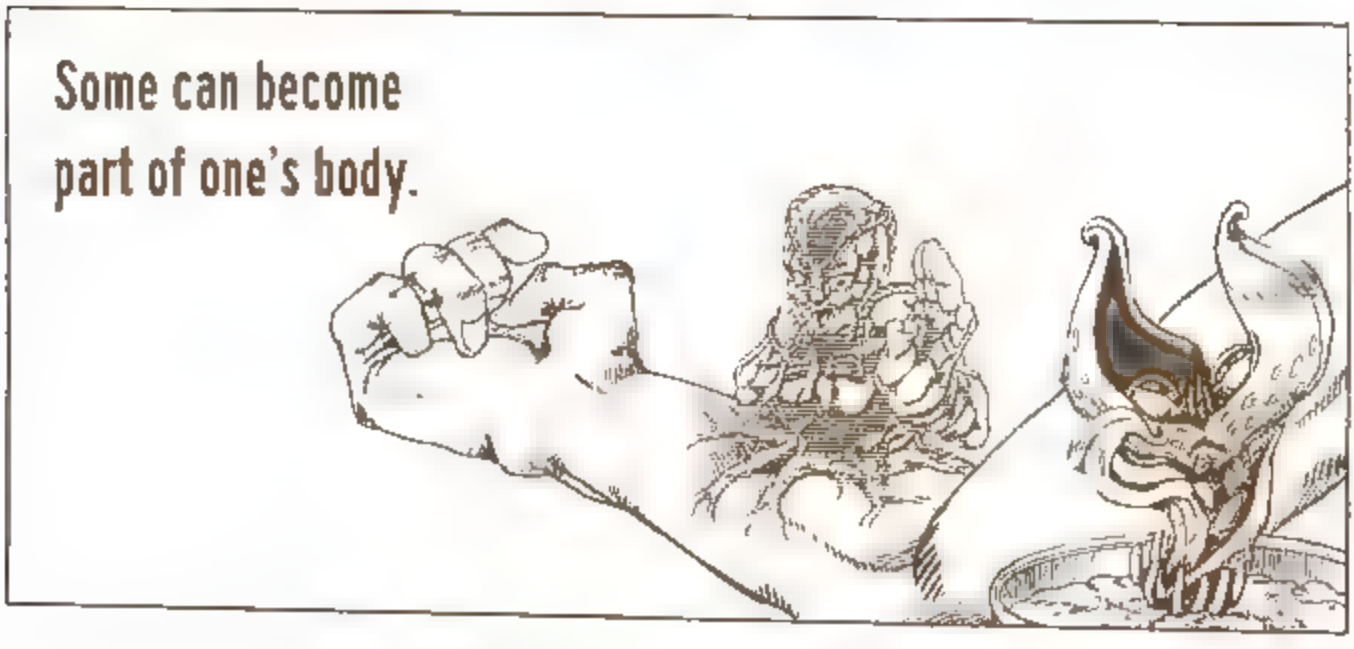


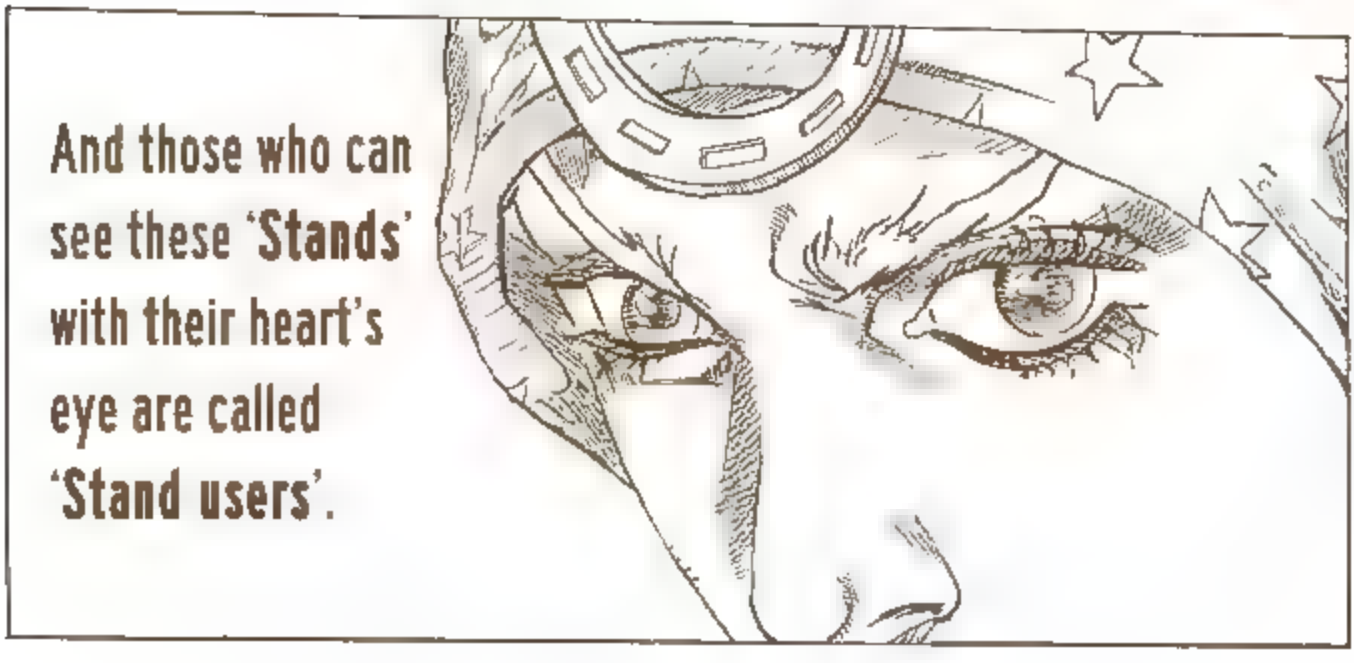
Things can be destroyed.

When they punch an object.


In other cases, they can store their energy in ojects, such as 'swords' or 'guns'.
They can also take the form of mundane objects, such as 'dolls', 'playing cards', 'boats', 'cars', or 'words'. Some of these things have the ability to move or attack others.

There are those that are small,
and move in large numbers.


Some can become
part of one's body.


And those who can
see these 'Stands'
with their heart's
eye are called
'Stand users'.

Stands adhere to some rules like the following:

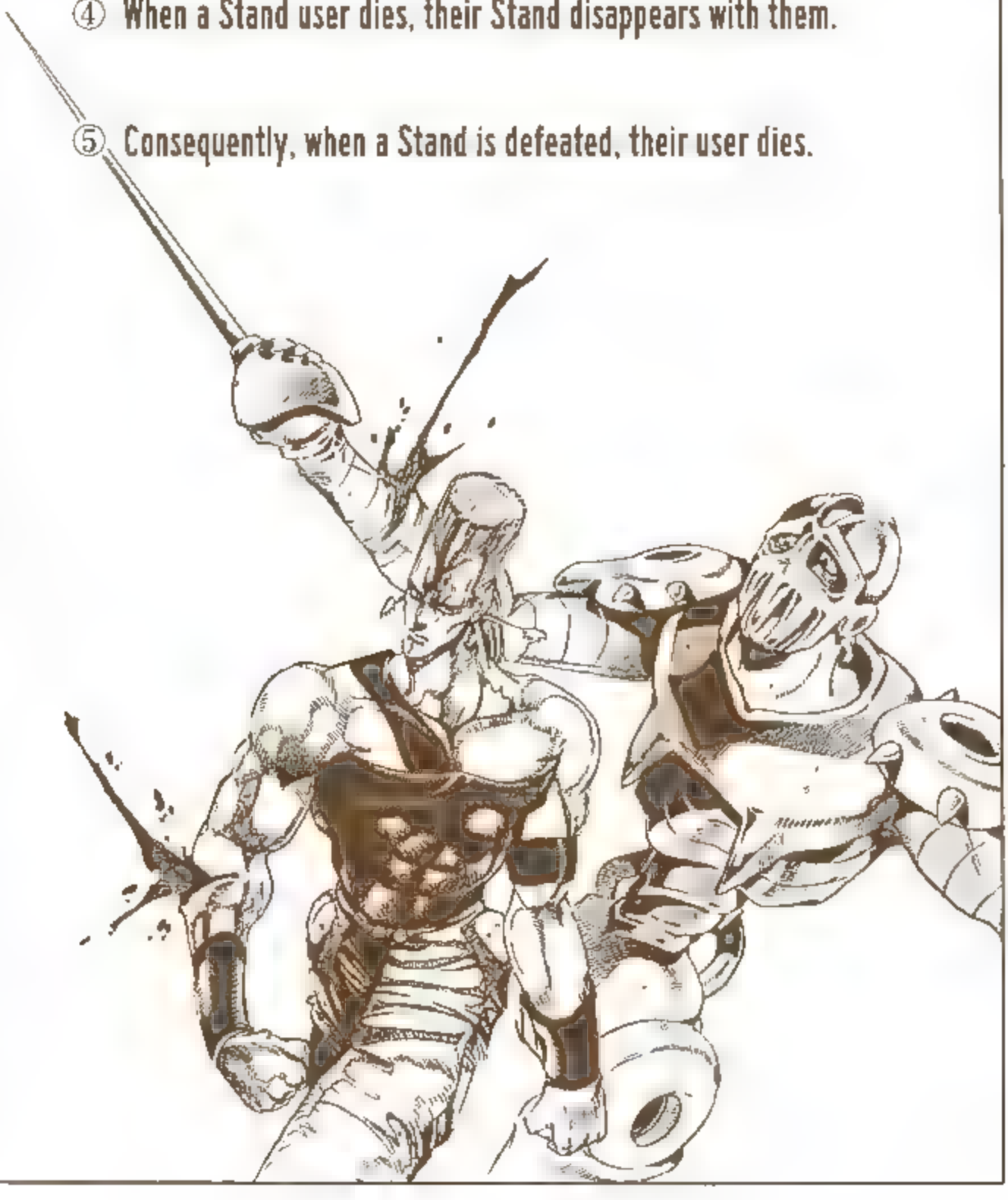
① Stands move according to their user's wishes or commands.

② Stands can only be affected by other stands.

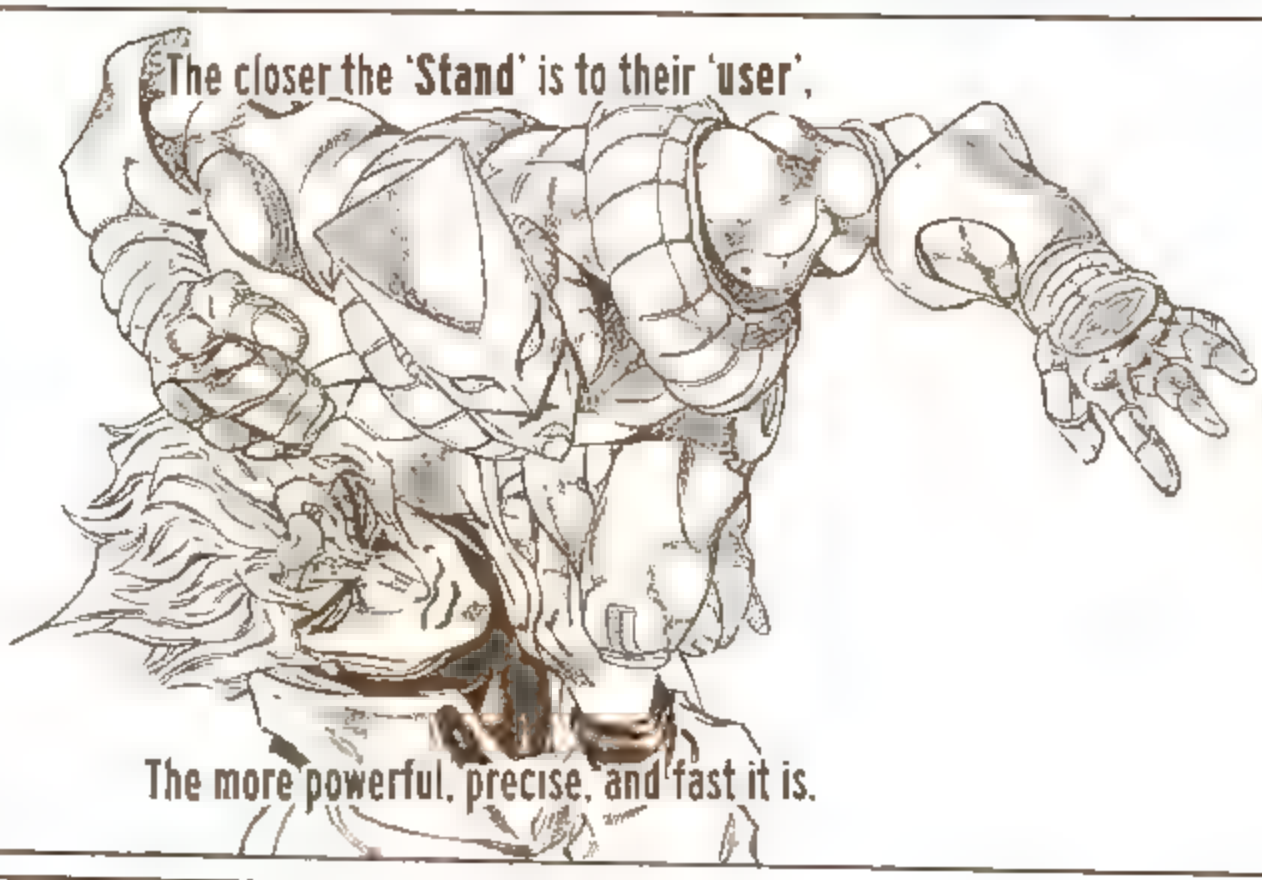
③ When Stands are injured, their user is also injured in the same place.

④ When a Stand user dies, their Stand disappears with them.

⑤ Consequently, when a Stand is defeated, their user dies.

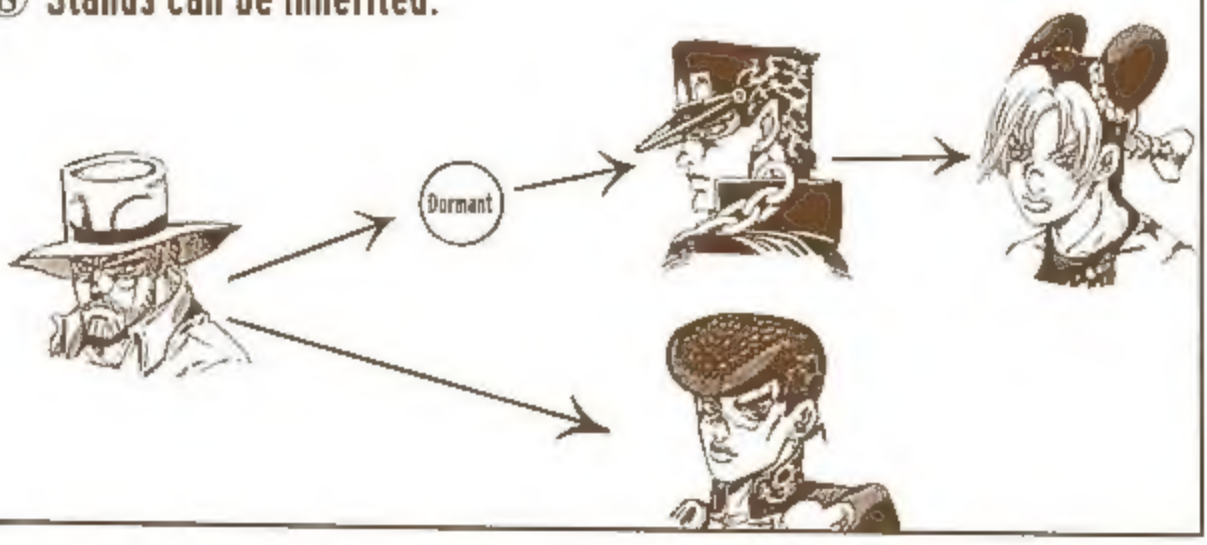


⑥ A Stand's energy or power is inversely proportional to their range of operation.



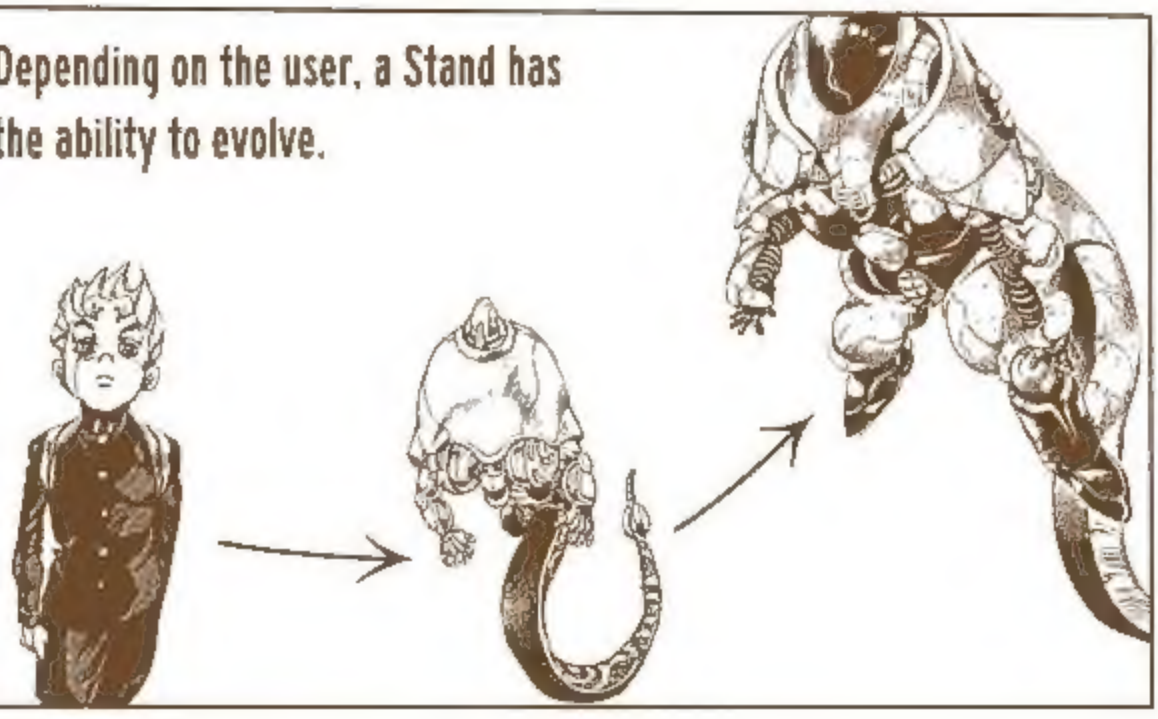
⑦ Therefore, there are such things as 'smart' or 'stupid' ways to use one's Stand.

⑧ Stands can be inherited.



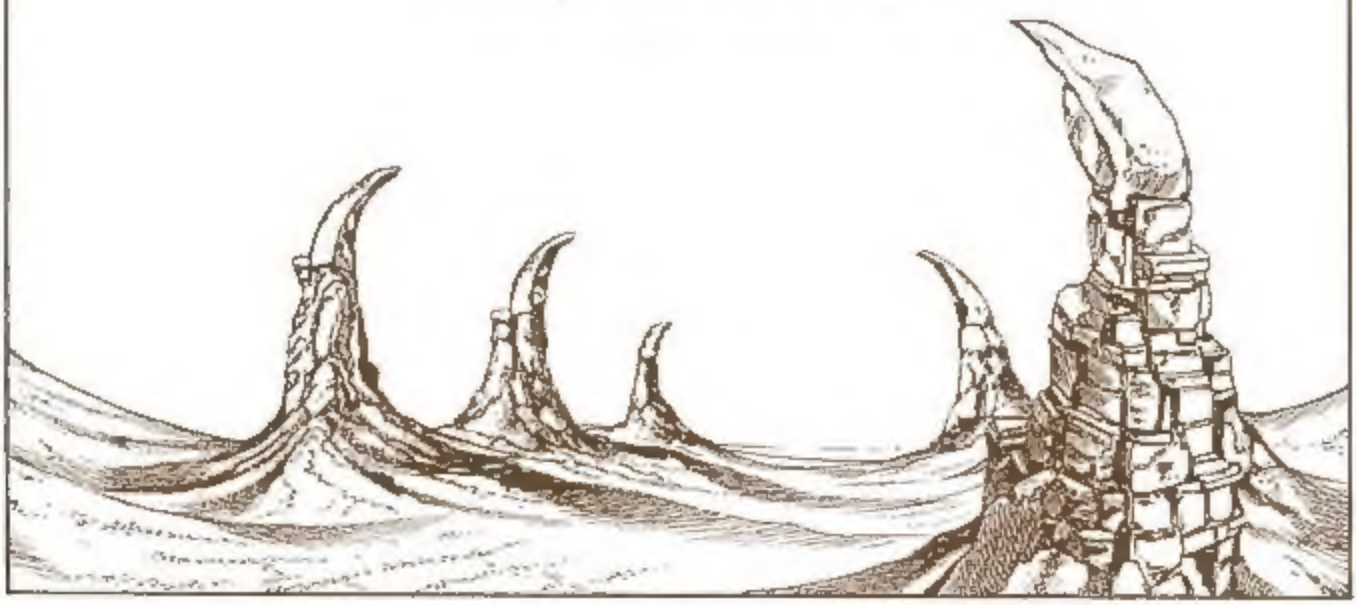
⑨ There can only be one Stand to one user

⑩ Depending on the user, a Stand has the ability to evolve.



Our predecessors, with their wisdom, created tools

that have the ability to draw out
these Stands. Whether they were able
to do this through their intelligence
or through sheer chance is unknown.



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These '**abilities**' can be said to be a step towards
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